

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Smokejumper Museum
Friday, June 22, 2012
2:30 pm

Committee Participants:

Nancy Appling
George Forbes
Jennifer Karps
Molly McKnight

Roger Brandt
Doug Grafe (telephonically)
Peter McDonald
Al Tocchini

Absent:

Maynard Drawson
Charlotte Lehan
Angie Morris
Paul Ries
Tim Nitz

Mike Fontenot
Craig Leech
Arne Nyberg
Andrew Smogor

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz
Madeline MacGregor

Jenn Smith

Jennifer Karps, Chair, convened the meeting at 2:38 pm

1. **Self-introductions were made.**
2. **Approval of January 27, 2012 Minutes:** Peter made a motion to accept the minutes; Nancy 2nd. Motion passed.
3. **Committee Elections:**
 - a. **Open Positions:** Jennifer announced that there are four open positions – Jennifer Karps, City; Charlotte Lehan, At-Large; Arne Nyberg, N. Oregon/Portland Metro and Al Tocchini, N. Coast/Willamette Valley. George made a motion to accept all nominees as presented. Nancy seconded; motion passed.

Nancy made a motion to elect Roger Brandt in the open At-Large position. George seconded; motion passed.

In order to allow Doug to leave the meeting and Roger to participate, George made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Nancy seconded. Motion approved

The meeting reconvened at 2:54 pm.

- b. **Officers:** George made a motion to elect Craig Leech as Chair and Al Tocchini as Vice Chair for the coming year. Nancy seconded; motion passed.

Annie told the committee Tim Nitz has decided he needs to resign from the committee since he has moved to Washington.

4. Heritage Tree Nominations

Shore Acres: Annie reminded the committee that this nomination had been tabled. She expected the group that nominated the trees to get her more information by the next meeting.

The Baldwin Cypress: Nancy agreed to sponsor this nomination. Peter commented that it didn't seem to have much of a state-wide significance. Nancy agreed. Jennifer suggested the committee express gratitude to the family for taking care of the tree. In addition, Nancy suggested perhaps the tree could be the first inductee into a City of Bandon Tree program. Peter made a motion to accept the nomination. George seconded the motion. Motion did not pass.

Orengo Elms: Jennifer reported she had gone to see the trees and found out the area was originally the company town for a nursery. George suggested the area is also significant to the light rail system. After some discussion, George made a motion to table until more information about the area could be obtained to determine state-wide significance. Nancy seconded; motion passed. The committee would also like some ideas about where the plaque would be placed if the trees were approved to be part of the program.

The Swalley Aspen & The Swalley Cottonwood: Since Paul was unable to be present at the meeting, he provided the committee with written thoughts. He commented he thought these trees lacked state-wide significance. George agreed with Paul. George commented that the trees are near the largest irrigation district in Central Oregon, near Tumalo. George noted that he had only received the application a few days ago and was not very familiar with the area and suggested that perhaps Drew Roslund could help by going out and looking since he lived close to the area.

After much discussion, the committee decided more research was needed to support state-wide significance. George agreed to follow up with Drew to see if he would be willing to help with the research. Al made a motion to table the nomination. Peter seconded the motion; motion passed.

5. Old Business None

6. Updates & Reports/New Business

- a. **Reports from Members:** Nancy announced that Medford has started its own Heritage Tree Program and is scheduled to have its first dedication.

Annie told the committee that a couple documentary film makers are interested in the program creating spots to be used on the website. One of them is currently doing a film on the Geer family with OPB. George asked if there were grants available for the committee to use for a project like this. Nancy offered to help research and potentially apply for grants to make this happen.

Annie said she would get all the ideas together with costs and potential grants and present them at the next meeting.

- b. **OTE/Council Report:** George reported that Cheryl Gribskov, CEO will be retiring at the end of the year. In addition the make-up of the Council is changing with new appointees being named.
- c. **Maynard Update:** Al had not been able to touch base with Maynard for a while, so he did not have a recent update.

7. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on the same day as the Shippley-Cook dedication on October 5th. The meeting will take place before the dedication.

Adjournment

Karps adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.