

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR
Friday, January 25, 2013
10:00 am

Committee Participants:

Nancy Appling	Roger Brandt
George Forbes	Jennifer Karps
Craig Leech	Charlotte Lehan
Molly McKnight	Tim Nitz
Arne Nyberg	Paul Ries
Al Tocchini	Ed Washington

Absent:

Mike Fontenot	Doug Gafe
Peter McDonald	

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz	Jenn Smith
Kyle Walker	Jim Renner

Guests:

Cathy Marshall

Craig Leech, Chair, convened the meeting at 10:03am

1. Self-introductions were made.

2. Approval of October 5, 2012 Minutes: Arne made a motion to accept the minutes; George 2nd. Motion passed with Nancy abstaining.

George made a motion to elect the E. Oregon Committee position, Tim Nitz. Arne 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

3. Heritage Tree Nominations:

a. **Shore Acres:** Al made a motion to accept the nomination; Arne 2nd. After discussing the challenges of receiving more information from the nominator, the George made a motion to table the nomination until more details could be obtained and then the Committee would have a conference call to decide. Arne 2nd the motion. Arne withdrew his original motion.

After more discussion and review of the application, George withdrew his motion to table the nomination. Arne withdrew his 2nd.

Arne made a motion to accept the Shore Acres nomination; Al 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Statewide Heritage Tree Dedication:** The committee agreed to have the dedication on Friday, April 5th, 1:00 pm, at Orenco. The Shore Acres dedication will take place in conjunction with Clamboree in Coos Bay and the end of June.

5. **Arbor Care Requests**

- a. **Riding Whip Tree and Request Form and guidelines:** Geer Crest Farms contacted Annie. They are requesting the Committee's financial help (\$500) to get the tree some arbor care.

After discussing the different options for funding arbor request, Roger and Al volunteered to develop a set of criteria and a process to grant future requests.

Craig and Paul volunteered to go look at the Riding Whip tree to see if they could determine the need and get back to the Committee.

6. **Old business**

- a. **Application Revision:** Craig reminded the Committee that the score sheet will now be included in the application and made to stand out so applicants are aware of how the Committee rates the trees. It was also suggested the sheet will be included on the instruction sheet and also a rating scale.

Tim expressed concern about the number system for rating the nominees. Molly suggested using the word qualitative rather than score on the sheet to give the Committee more flexibility.

- b. **Barlow Road Tollgate Maple wood:** Arne said he would like to reschedule the October meeting to work on the wood. The Committee discussed what they would like to do with the wood. Paul volunteered to speak to one of his students that has a wood shop to get his advice on how to best use it.

- c. **Memorial for Heritage Trees (Silver Maple):** Nancy and Annie have not been able to confirm that the trees have been taken down; however Nancy said she can no longer see the canopy. They said they would continue to try to get a hold of the owners of the property.

This lead to a discussion about checking up on the trees in the program. The Committee agreed that there needed to be some sort of process every 2 years or so to verify health and existence of trees.

7. **Updates & Reports/New Business**

- a. **Maynard Drawson Memorial:** Arne asked the Committee for ideas on how they would like to honor Maynard. Some ideas included an award in his name, planting a tree with a plaque. Arne and Paul volunteered to work with Annie to develop a plan.
- b. **OTE/Council Report:** Charlotte announced the hiring of OTE's new CEO, Kyle Walker. The Council is working on Rest Area development. Ed noted the financial statements for the organization are looking good.
- c. **Portland Arbor Day Event:** Jennifer reminded everyone that the Committee will have a booth at the Portland Farmers Market on April 20, 2013 in conjunction with Earth Day. Craig

asked staff to send out an email for people to sign up to work shifts. Jennifer also announced there will be brown bag lectures during that week and one will be about the Heritage Tree program.

- d. **Reports from Members:** Arne passed around pictures of the beaver carving Al did for him. Craig told the Committee that he has spoken to the new manager in Tub Springs and the Sugar Pine sign is scheduled to be installed. Roger announced the Historical Marker that will be placed at Oregon Caves for the View Master.

- 8. **Adjourn:** Leech adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.