

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Clatsop Room, Oregon Department of Forestry, Salem, OR
Friday, May 10, 2013
10:00 am

Committee Participants:

Nancy Appling	Doug Grafe
Craig Leech	Molly McKnight
Arne Nyberg	Al Tocchini
Ed Washington	

Absent:

Roger Brandt	George Forbes
Jennifer Karpis	Charlotte Lehan
Tim Nitz	Paul Ries

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz	Jenn Smith
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Craig Leech, Chair, convened the meeting at 10:3am

1. **Self-introductions were made.**
2. **Approval of January 25, 2013 Minutes:** Arne made a motion to accept the minutes; Doug 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of March 8, 2013 Minutes: Arne made a motion to accept the minutes with suggested edits; Ed 2nd. Motion passed with Nancy abstaining.
3. **Heritage Tree Nominations:** The committee brainstormed on possible nominations. One that came to the forefront was Maxville. Molly, Tim and Al have agreed to look into it.
4. **Upcoming Dedications:**
 - a. Shore Acres Monterey Pine: Craig reminded the committee the dedication will take place June 28th.
 - b. Orenco Elms: Annie reported that Bonnie at Orenco would like to do the dedication during the neighborhood festival in September.
5. **Maynard Drawson Memorial**
 - a. Tree planting: Al reported that there will be a memorial planting of a White oak at the Department of Forestry during Arbor week in 2014 to honor Maynard.
 - b. Award: Al also reported that an award was being developed in Maynard's name for Heritage Tree advocates. It will be a 2 part award – one with a plaque at OTE headquarters with the recipient's names on it and the other a plaque given to the recipient. Criteria and nomination forms are in the process of being developed.
6. **Old business**
 - a. Barlow Road Tollgate Maple wood: The committee agreed that some of the wood should be used for a plaque to be placed with the tree honoring Maynard.

Arne suggested the October meeting could take place in Lincoln City and then the committee could take some time that weekend if they would like and help work some of the rest of the wood. The meeting will take place on October 18, 2013.

- b. **Memorial for Heritage Trees (Silver Maple):** Nancy confirmed that in fact the tree had been taken down. It was suggested that a postcard be sent out to the owners of the trees to verify they are still standing and healthy and send a photo. In addition the postcard will ask for donations to the fund for grants to have arborists tend to trees when necessary.

The committee agreed that when a tree is removed from status for any reason, they would be listed on a separate section of the website as a memorial.

Nancy made a motion to remove the Silver maple from active status in the Heritage Tree Program; Molly 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Geer Crest Farm – Riding Whip Tree:** Al told the committee that he and Paul inspected the tree and felt it was worthy of getting the work done to keep it healthy. Additionally, they thought \$500 for an arborist to do the work was reasonable. After discussion Doug made a motion to accept the Riding Whip Tree for a grant. The cost of the arborist will be reimbursable to the tree owner up to \$250 with the owner providing a 50/50 match. Arne 2nd the motion; the motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Grant Process:** The committee reviewed the ideas presented by Roger and Al. All agreed it would be a great process. They suggested adding a #4 under Acceptable Uses of Funds to read: Management and care of tree for long term preservation. Additionally the committee would like to add language addressing the committee’s liability. The consensus was that the money would be given to the tree owner as a reimbursement and not the arborist. The grants would be a 50/50 agreement with the owner up to \$500 reimbursable.

7. Updates & Reports/New Business

- a. **OTE/Council Report:** Ed reported that the financial statements for the organization are looking good. Annie noted that the Council is headed into a strategic plan process.
- b. **Reports from Members:** Nancy requested that the topic of honoring Peter McDonald be added to the next meeting agenda. The committee discussed nominating a tree in Peter’s yard for the program. It was also suggested putting an article in *Deep Roots*.

Paul announced that his student from OSU will be presenting his findings and recommendations on the Grove of the States on May 28th.

Molly reported that Rick Cook applied for an Oregon Endangered Places grant for the barn on his property. She also told the committee that she just learned that the Waverly Country Club is on the list of National Historic Places. Molly suggested the Blue Mountain forest and/or trees in the forest could be a good addition to the program.

Doug suggested that some of the committee’s future meetings could take place where there are trees from the program. That would give members a chance to check on them.

Paul suggested the committee Charter should reflect the position honoring Maynard.

8. **Adjourn:** Leech adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.