

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
McDonald Hazlenut Farm, Wilsonville, OR
Friday, July 10, 2015
1:00 pm

Committee Participants:

George Forbes	Jennifer Karps	
Craig Leech	Charlotte Lehan	
Molly McKnight	Tim Nitz	
Arne Nyberg	Al Tocchini	Ed Washington

Absent:

Nancy Appling	Roger Brandt
Doug Grafe	Paul Ries

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz	Madeline MacGregor	Jenn Smith
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Arne convened the meeting at 1:15pm

1. Self-introductions were made.

2. Minutes: Tim made a motion to approve the January 23, 2015 minutes. Arne 2nd; motion passed unanimously. Craig made a motion to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes. Arne 2nd; motion passed unanimously.

3. Elections:

- a. **Committee seats:** Al presented the slate of members for 3-year terms. Tim 2nd; slate was approved unanimously.
- b. **Officers:** Arne nominated Nancy for 2015/16 Chair. Tim 2nd; election was unanimous. Arne volunteered to be vice-chair for 2015-16. Tim nominated Arne for vice-chair. Craig 2nd; election was unanimous.

4. Heritage Tree Nominations:

- a. **Philander Lee Tree:** Arne 2nd the nomination to the table. Molly told the group that she had driven by the tree and passed photos that she took. She reviewed the historical significance of the tree. She also said it looked healthy.

Al expressed some concern that there was not much of a “state-level” historical significance to justify its inclusion into a state program. Tim said he thought it was based on Canby being the 2nd city in Oregon to submit for platting and the 3rd oldest city in Clackamas County. The nomination passed.

- b. **Box Elder:** Tim moved to deny the nomination. George 2nd; motion passed.

5. Maynard Drawson Award 2016: Annie reminded the committee that the deadline for nominations will be the October meeting and asked they would like to stay with the same timeline. The committee said that if there were any qualified candidates, to stat on the same timeline.

6. Old Business:

- a. **Heritage Tree Survey:** Annie thanked the Committee members for calling on the trees and requested they send her the list of those they have contacted.

7. Updates & Reports/New Business:

- a. **OTE/Council Report:** Charlotte reported that the Council had a retreat planned for later in July. She announced that the agency's legislation had been passed and the Council has a new member, Mike Marsh. Annie reported on the progress of the Grove of the States.

Annie also announced that the Council has given the committee authority to write their own Administrative Rules and that discussion will be on the October agenda.

- b. **Reports from Members:** George discussed the Marker dedication at the Caves and noted it was very successful.

Jennifer announced that Portland will be attempting to regain the tree hugging record on July 18th at Hoyt Arboretum.

Craig announced that the trees at the Capitol won't need to be moved.

Tim thanked Jill McDonald for her hospitality.

- 8. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be October 16, 2015 in Astoria.

- 9. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.