

Oregon Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
Lincoln City Hall, Lincoln City, OR
Friday, October 18, 2013
10:30 am

Committee Participants:

Nancy Appling	Doug Grafe
Craig Leech	Charlotte Lehan
Molly McKnight	Tim Nitz
Arne Nyberg	Al Tocchini
Ed Washington	

Absent:

Roger Brandt	George Forbes
Jennifer Karpis	Paul Ries

Staff Participants:

Annie von Domitz	Jenn Smith
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Al Tocchini, Chair, convened the meeting at 10:20 am

1. **Self-introductions were made.**
2. **Approval of June 29, 2013 Minutes:** Arne made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Charlotte 2nd; motion passed unanimously.
3. **Heritage Tree nominations:**
 - a. **Aurora Colony Black Walnut:** Nancy gave background of how the Aurora Colony was established. Charlotte suggested the story for the tree could be why the Black walnut and woodworking is significant to the community.

After much discussion, Arne called the question of whether or not to accept the Black walnut into the Heritage Tree program. All voted to accept the tree with the exception of Tim.
 - b. **Myrtlewood Tree:** Annie gave the background of the tree. Doug discussed the Big Tree and Champion. He thought this was not the right Myrtlewood for the program. He suggested instead either the Boatman Grove or the Myrtle Point tree. Charlotte suggested it might be beneficial to tell the Garden Club story with a Myrtlewood story.

Arne made a motion to table the nomination in favor of further research as to the best Myrtlewood representative. Doug 2nd, motion passed.
 - c. **R.V. Short Fir:** Charlotte gave background on the fir. She noted that she had also nominated it for a City tree. She gave a brief history of R.V. Short and his contribution to plating the Willamette Valley.

Doug said he was not seeing the connection to state significance. Charlotte noted that Short was integral to the Donation Land Claim of the valley and he also surveyed and platted Portland.

Tim commented that he could not find a connection between the man and the tree. The question was called – the tree was voted to be accepted into the program 5-4.

- d. **Ellmaker Oak:** Al told the committee he made a visit to the site of the tree. He gave a brief history of the Applegate Trail east of Vaneta in Zumwalt park.

After discussion, Doug called the question of whether or not to include the Ellmaker oak in the Heritage tree program. The committee voted not to include the tree.

4. Old business

- a. **Barlow Road Tollgate Maple wood/ Peter McDonald Memorial Bench:** Doug has the boards from the tree, however they still have quite a bit of moisture. There will be some good barrels and he is hoping to get enough good wood to build the bench for Peter's memorial.

Arne, Al and Tim volunteered to help Doug on the bench.

Charlotte told the Committee about a woman that makes small "tools" out of wood. She suggested she may be able to use some of the small pieces to make ceremonial items. Annie talked with the folks at the Capitol gift store and perhaps some of these things could be sold there as a fundraiser for the program.

Molly suggested they could also be sold at the Tollgate store. Charlotte suggested perhaps in Tillamook, as well. Tim asked if "ceremonial" laser etched pens could be made for the Governor to use when signing legislation.

- b. **Maynard Drawson Memorial:**
 - i. **Tree Planting** – Al reported that he has ordered an Oregon White oak for the memorial planting. It will be available any time after November 1st and can wait until April to be planted. Arne made a motion that the \$190 used to purchase the tree come from the endowment. Craig 2nd, motion passed.
 - ii. **Award** – Al noted there is nothing new to report and will be developing the program in the next few months.

5. Updates & Reports/New Business

- a. **OTE/Council Report** – Charlotte reported that everything at OTE is going well. Ed announced the upcoming Charrette.
- b. **Heritage Tree Survey** – Annie announced there have been good responses to the survey. About ½ have responded. There is some concern about the Owen cherry in Eugene, and the plaque has not been installed. Tim asked if they could install a sign asking people not to climb the tree. Doug said the tree was probably fine and fencing would take away from the tree.
- c. **"Tree-fecta" tour** – Molly just wanted everyone to think about this as a part of the program in the future.
- d. **Maxville nomination** – Tim gave an overview of the Maxwell site. There are two trees that could potentially be nominated. There are not any records of anyone mention anything about either tree while Maxville existed. He will look at the aerials and photos and see if he can connect it to the history of the town.
- e. **Reports from Members** – Charlotte announced she will be speaking regarding the historic cemeteries and invited everyone to come. Craig announced that the Tub Springs marker has been put up.

6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will take place at ODF on January 24, 2014.

7. **Adjourn:** Al adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.