

**CITY OF ALBANY  
TREE COMMISSION  
Albany City Hall, Santiam Room**

Thursday, March 16, 2006  
3:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Rick Carter, Glenn Dockter, Bill Narver, Dick Miles, and Jay Neil

Commission members absent: None

Staff present: Craig Carnagey, City Forester; Irene Mann Friedman, Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director; Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director

Others Present: Bodie Dickerson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Neil called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The address listed on the "Current Tree Issues" handout was listed incorrectly and needed to be changed to 2114 Jefferson Street SE. With this change, the minutes from February 16, 2006, were unanimously approved by the members of the Tree Commission.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Dickerson had some comments about tree wells and other local trees and sidewalk.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

**A. Outstanding Tree Issues (see attached report)**

2114 Jefferson Street SE – a leaning sycamore tree that the resident has requested a removal permit.

**ACTION:** The Tree Commission discussed the tree permit request and voted 4 to 1 to deny removal of the tree (Carter voted to allow the permit to remove). Neil suggested the tree be professionally pruned.

The Tree Commission encouraged anyone applying for a tree removal permit to provide detailed information in order for the TC members to be able to expedite their decision.

Umatilla Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE - Jon Goldman, Street Maintenance Supervisor, submitted pictures that showed the cottonwoods to be in fair to poor condition. The City has asked that the TC approve the removal of the trees and the trees will be removed later this summer.

**ACTION:** The Tree Commission unanimously approved the removal of the trees, but asked that notices be posted and a replanting plan be provided.

**B. Tree Commission Work Plan**

2. Neighborhood Tree Planting Project Recap

The planting at Salmon Run was completed and there are ~80 new trees in the area. Carnagey reported good neighborhood participation.

A suggestion was made to draft language to require developers to plant trees in the planter strips in new subdivisions.

### 3. Arbor Week 2006

- Tree commission members will provide tree walks, Heritage Tree tours, an information table with PP&L, FOMAT, water quality and conservation, and Urban Forestry information.
- There will be a tree give-away event.
- Carnagey has some T-shirts, caps, and stickers to be used for drawings throughout the morning.
- TC members will take posters and ~~laee~~ *place them* in malls, stores, nurseries, and other locations. Publicity will also include contacting Neighborhood Watch Associations and the Democrat Herald.
- Coffee, cocoa juice, water, and muffins will be provided.

### C. Urban Forestry Program Transfer

Ed Hodney, Parks & Recreation Director addressed the Tree Commission and discussed the transfer of the Urban Forestry (UF) program from the Public Works Department to the Parks & Recreation Department. He discussed the philosophical, operational, and efficiency in the blending of Parks and UF. He said that the Parks Master Plan, the Urban Forestry Management Plan, and the Parks Master Plan should all be intertwined.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Tree City USA Award will be received in May.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

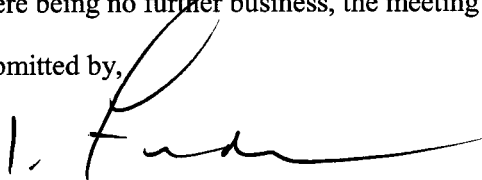
### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Tree Commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in Albany City Hall. Neil said he might be late and Narver was not sure he could attend the meeting on this date.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Submitted by,



Irene Mann Friedman,  
Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director