

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

Thursday, May 18, 2006
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Commission members absent: Jay Neil

Staff present: Craig Carnagey, City Forester; Irene Mann Friedman, Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director

Others Present: Bodie Dickerson

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chair Carter called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 27, 2006, minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes from March 16, 2006, were unanimously approved with a spelling correction (“lace” to “place”).

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dickerson addressed the Tree Commission and discussed the trees that would be removed at the 15th Avenue development (13th Avenue subdivision, west of Broadway). She felt the developer was trying to fit in as many lots as possible and had earmarked two large oaks for removal that could be saved if the lot perimeter were changed. Carnagey said he has asked that they try to save the trees.

Dickerson also said that FOMAT (Friends of Mature Albany Trees) had their May meeting and had asked that Helen Burns Sharp, Community Development Director, slow down development in Albany. She said that Burns Sharp basically said no.

Dickerson also brought maps and discussed development and trees located in these developments (Perfect Lane Estates, 13th Avenue subdivision, and the Rolling Rock area).

SCHEDULED BUSINESS

A. Outstanding Tree Issues

- Carnagey reported there were no new tree issues.
- He added that a request was submitted on this date and requesting three large maples at 2012 Daffodil Lane be removed. Carnagey believes these trees are in the right-of-way. He will add it to the agenda for June unless he deems them hazardous, in which case he will post a sign that they will be removed ASAP.
- Carnagey distributed an article on rubber sidewalks (attached) and said although the cost is twice that of a regular sidewalk, he is trying to obtain some grant funding.
- Carnagey also discussed an all-day Community Tree Conference on Thursday, June 1st. Carnagey will

forward information to the Tree Commission members.

- Carnagey asked the Tree Commission members to look at the tree at 839 5th Avenue SW (home of Dan Conway) for possible Heritage Tree designation. They will also look for any historic information on the property.
- Carnagey discussed with the Commission their limited role in the development review process. The Tree Commission's charter does not designate the Tree Commission with any responsibility regarding development.

B: TREE COMMISSION WORK PLAN

- In late May, Carnagey will be attending a State Urban Forestry Conference in Salem. The topics include urban forestry management plans and Carnagey felt there may be approaches that will be useful to the development of the City's own urban forestry plan.

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

After discussion, it was agreed to cancel the Tree Commission meeting scheduled for July 20, 2006. The Tree Commission will be moving to Parks & Recreation on July 1, 2006. (Urban Forestry moved to the Parks & Recreation Department earlier this year.) The Parks & Recreation administrative staff will assume all the administrative responsibilities for the Tree Commission.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Tree Commission is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Calapooia Room in Albany City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Irene Mann Friedman,
Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director

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