



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

CITY OF ALBANY  
TREE COMMISSION  
Albany City Hall, Willamette Room  
333 Broadalbin Street SW

**Thursday, May 21, 2009  
3:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

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| 3:00 p.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER                               | Tom Krupicka |
|           | 2. ROLL CALL                                   |              |
|           | 3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC                    |              |
|           | 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES                         |              |
| 3:15 p.m. | 5. Scheduled Business                          |              |
|           | a) Outstanding Tree Issues                     | All          |
|           | b) Urban Forestry Management Plan              | All          |
| 4:00 pm   | 6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION                |              |
|           | 7. NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, June 18, 2009 |              |
| 4:30 p.m. | 8. ADJOURNMENT                                 |              |

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Albany City Hall, Willamette Room**

Thursday, April 16, 2009  
3:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Commission members present: Dick Miles, David Smith, Mark Azevedo,  
Commission members absent: Barb Bolden, Tom Krupicka  
Staff present: Craig Carnagey, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Manager/City  
Urban Forester, Don Donovan, City Planning Manager, Tari Hayes,  
Administrative Assistant  
Others present: Bodie Dickerson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Azevedo called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bodie Dickerson thanked the Commission for the card and gift certificate and for the Commission's work on the Arbor Week festivities. She felt it was the best Arbor Week to date.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Approved the March, 2009 minutes with edits.

**5. SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

a) Outstanding Tree Issues

2135 Tudor Way SE – brought up at the March Commission meeting. The Commission had an opportunity to go and see the tree. The property owner was invited to attend today's meeting and isn't in attendance. The Commission is hesitant to approve the removal without more information. The request will be tabled until the Commission receives additional information.

The City Forester reviewed the North Albany Sewer Main Project with the Commission. The project was approved by City Council last week. The sewer line will cross to the west of the Albany Golf course, the east side of Spring Hill, through Takena Landing Park and along the Willamette River. The project will require tree removal. The City Forester and the project manager walked the site. The contractor will remove some hazardous trees, will avoid removing healthy trees where possible and plant replacements. There is no road easement involved. The project was moved more north of the river to an area that had fewer trees at the City's request. Neighbors were notified of the project, the contractor is in the process of notifying a wider range of neighbors.

Dickerson commented that the work appears to run parallel to the Eagle trail, a trail that's popular with hikers. The City or the contractor will do a news release to let as many potential users as possible know of the project and its possible effects on the trail system.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

- **Carnagey will work with the project engineer (Peter Harr) to do a news release regarding the North Albany Forced Sewer Main project.**

The next project discussed was the *Operations Tree Removal Plan* that is part of the Public Works construction project at Front and Davidson Streets. Trees are going to be removed to accommodate new outbuildings. Neighbors were notified of the project. Trees slated for removal are marked with white bands. Approximately 33 trees will be removed across the site. Planning asked for additional information to determine if the removal requests meet the review criteria, specifically if they have considered the uniqueness of the trees and if there were alternatives to removing them.

**ADC revisions – (not on agenda)**

The Planning Department reviewed the Commission's proposed development code changes. Greg Byrne, Community Development Director, was unable to attend this meeting, but will be invited to attend a future meeting to provide more detailed comment. Some of the comment provided today: Perhaps the Commission should change the wording from "Tree Felling" to "Tree Preservation" since preserving trees is the main purpose of the code. This would aide in explaining the requirement to replace trees removed. Planners would like to see a stronger organizing principal and purpose statement. A strong opening statement would make the code easier to explain and easier to use.

**ACTION ITEM(S):**

- **The Community Development Director will be invited to a future Tree Commission meeting when the Urban Forestry Management Plan draft is more complete.**

b) Arbor Week Wrap-Up

Everyone in attendance agreed it was the best Arbor Week ever. The sawing for schools was a highlight. The wood is in stacked piles now, it will be moved to OSU at the end of summer to be kiln dried and returned to the schools in the fall. Mike Doolittle and Azevedo will continue to work with the shop classes to meet some specific needs the classes have for equipment and their programs. Azevedo continues to get positive comments from the public on this event. The Commission will try and use some wood from the Urban Forest next year.

The pruning workshop was instructive. More targeted marketing may be needed next year for the workshop and any activities at the Legacy Forest. A more in depth advertising plan will be created next year.

The earth science field trips to Simpson were educational. Annette Higabothum gave a presentation of the natural landscape in the Willamette Valley. City staff provided some history of the park. The students saw lots of wildlife including a bald eagle. They did some black berry and invasive species removal.

The OSU tour was informative; OSU is willing to do it again next year. A retired horticulture professor would like to participate next year; providing additional tree identification and vegetation information. It may be possible to include a tour of the OSU arboretum next year. Adding these elements will continue to generate interest and bring new attendees to the events.

Teachers, students, Tree Commissioners, civic groups and City staff attended the City Council meeting Wednesday evening and said it was one of the best presentations ever given. It showed the depth of community involvement in this year's Arbor Week.

#### Tree planting at schools

Krupicka was able to obtain a group (180) of bare-root trees that he is making available to Albany Public Schools. These are top grade trees; 6'-10' tall with 1" calipers. This will compliment the milling operation that was done at the schools during Arbor Week.

Plans are to plant them at 5 area schools with the aid of students, faculty, city staff, Tree Commissioners and the public. Buena Vista Arbor Care will provide stakes, ties and water bags for the trees. Mike Doolittle has offered to dig the holes in advance of the planting. More details are being worked out. The planting will take place in the next 7 days.

#### c) Urban Forestry Management Plan

Given the amount of time everyone's given to Arbor Week, requested feedback on the plan has not been received.

The City Attorney moved some of the code changes forward at a recent City Council meeting. These changes will be included in the revised draft sent to the Commission.

#### **ACTION ITEM(S):**

- **Krupicka, Azevedo and Dickerson will send their edits to City staff, staff will compile and send out to Commission prior to May meeting.**

#### **6. BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION**

Azevedo asked if there was a way to officially archive information on the Albany Heritage Trees at the public library. Azevedo and Hayes will discuss off line.

#### **7. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Tree Commission is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Willamette Room at City Hall.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Tari Hayes, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant



# Current Tree Issues

Date Initiated	Address	Description of Issue	Location Action Requested	Resolution	Public	Private
05/11/2009	624 Maple SW	Fir Tree uprooting sidewalk, possible removal	Street Tree FYI for Commission		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
01/23/2009	2135 Tudor Way SE	Owner believes that tree roots are cracking drive way, limbs falling off during high winds, sap	South side of driveway Review by commission	Invite home owner to the April tree commission meeting to provide more information, Owner invited, never showed. Tabled for more information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>