



City of Tigard Tree Board – Minutes

MEETING DATE: June 4, 2008, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
MEETING LOCATION: Tigard Public Library, 2nd Floor Conference Room,
13500 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard, OR 97223

Members Present – Janet Gillis, Rob Callan, Matt Clemo, Dennis Sizemore, Kandace Horlings

Members Absent – Tony Tycer, David Walsh

Staff Present – John Floyd, Todd Prager

Visitors – John Frewing, Alan Deharpport

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 PM the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Janet Gillis.

2. Introductions and Opening Remarks

Chairwoman Gillis began the meeting by saying that a lot has happened since the previous meeting and she would like to jump right in to the first item on the agenda.

3 Approve Minutes

Chairwoman Gillis began the meeting by asking the Tree Board members if they have reviewed the minutes from the April 2nd 2008 meeting. The other members indicated that they had reviewed the minutes. Dennis Sizemore made a motion to approve the motion, Rob Callan seconded the motion, and thus the minutes from the April 2nd meeting were approved.

Janet then asked staff if there were additional minutes from other previous meetings to be approved. John Floyd responded that he was still working on preparing them, and they should be ready for approval by the next meeting.

4. Discuss June 3rd Council Hearing Regarding Urban Forest CPA

John began by explaining the revisions made by Council to the Urban Forest CPA by highlighting information in Attachment 8 and a memo that he prepared for the Board describing the revisions. While many of the revisions were grammatical, there was one revision that warranted further analysis. Council recommended the addition of policy 2.3.11 which read, “The City shall recognize the right of individuals to manage residential landscapes.” Floyd mentioned that he still needed to verify the specific language with the City Recorder, but that he felt that was the essence of Council’s recommendation. Some questions arose as to the specific meaning of the new policy, and Floyd explained that more clarification was needed

from Council as to the specific meaning of the policy. He also mentioned that staff would remind Council that this policy would need to be balanced with the intent of the other policies in the Urban Forest CPA.

Floyd went on to explain, in general, the future process for tree code revisions. He said that Council directed staff to work with the Tree Board, Planning Commission, and Public in recommended future code revisions for Council's review and approval. Alan Deharpport asked Floyd how he and the Home Builder's association could get involved in the process of code writing. Floyd responded that the specifics would be up to Council.

5. Discuss Upcoming Events/Meetings Scheduled for June

Chairwoman Gillis then shifted the discussion to a summary of upcoming events and projects for June and beyond.

First, she reminded the Board that the hearing regarding the Home Builder's appeal of the Director's Interpretation was scheduled for June 10th at 7:30pm. She asked if Council would be taking public testimony at the hearing. Prager responded that Council had not yet decided.

Chairwoman Gillis then requested that the Tree Board review their progress on the goals list that was assembled at the beginning of the year.

The following items were described as completed or under completion by Prager:

- ◆ Heritage tree restrictive covenant document (completed)
- ◆ Trees in Tigard website (completed)
- ◆ Heritage tree label (under completion)
- ◆ Hiring of on-call private contractor to expand street tree planting program (under completion)
- ◆ Hiring Americorps member and partnering with Metro to complete urban forest resource analysis (under completion)

The following items were recognized by the Board as needing further attention:

- ◆ More educational outreach (perhaps by coinciding with final building inspection)
- ◆ Tree planting opportunities (especially on 99W corridor adjacent to Costco)
- ◆ More Heritage Tree designations (by private homeowners and development community)
- ◆ Mapping of mitigation tree planting locations as part of inventory process

John Floyd then brought up the idea of engaging the Tree Board in other roles such as natural resource stewardship. He explained that the Tree Board could have a role in advising on not only trees, but the urban ecosystem management as a whole. The Board was receptive to exploring the idea further.

Alan Deharpport then stated that he felt that key stakeholders were not adequately represented during the Urban Forest CPA process. He said that he wanted the Home Builder's Association to have more input and representation during the code writing phase. Deharpport was told and acknowledged that Dale Richards, a member of the Home Builder's, is an alternate on the Board and attended only a couple of meetings. Deharpport said he would contact Mr. Richards to understand why he stopped attending, but he still felt that the Tree Board could have done more to reach out to the builder/developer community. Chairwoman Gillis and Kandace Horlings disagreed, saying that the Tree Board's role is not to reach out to

specific individuals based on their background, but to more broadly advise the City on issues relating to trees. The Board also stated that meetings are open to the public and alternates, as well as anyone else, are welcome to attend.

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

The Board then discussed the fact that attendance at the July meeting would be a challenge due to conflicts with the July 4th Holiday. The Board voted to not meet in July. The next Tree Board meeting will be on August 6th.

Chairwoman Gillis adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30pm.