



Urban Forestry Board  
Wednesday, April 13th, 2015  
P.O. Box 39, Sisters, OR 97759

**PRESENT:**

Board Members: Jerry Bertagna, David Moyer,  
Public Works Director: Paul Bertagna  
City Forester: Dan Galecki/Spindrift Forestry  
Recording Secretary: Nicole Abbenhuis  
Visitor:

**ABSENT:** Board Members Pat Burke and Marcus Peck and City Parks Advisory Board Member David Magaret

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Moyer called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 9th, 2016.

***Board Member Moyer motions to approve the minutes, without corrections. Board Member Bertagna seconds, all are in favor and motion carries.***

III. VISITOR COMMUNICATION

Melvin Herburger from Melvin's Fir Street Market.

Mr. Herburger is at the meeting to ask permission for removal of three Ponderosa Pine trees, located at the entrance to his parking lot on Hood Avenue (between the sidewalk and parking lot). These trees have created quite a bit of heaving asphalt and created a trip hazard. He would like permission to remove these trees and replace them with smaller ornamental trees as soon as possible. He is currently working on an addition to his building and would like to do the tree work a.s.a.p.

Board Member Moyer asks if the trees are on private property. The single tree is on private property, the double tree is about 80/20 private & city right-of-way. Forester Galecki went to the property and agrees. The trees are in fair condition, there is some insect activity, and pitch, but the trees are not dying. However, their location causes structural issues and there is a safety concern. Forester Galecki agrees that at this point it is best for these trees to be removed.

Mr. Herburger asks about replacement trees. There is a list of trees in the Development Code. Mr. Herburger receives a print out of that list. Mr. Herburger also spoke to David Vitelli, who told him about this replacement list and gave him some recommendations as well. Mr. Herburger asks about the replacement ratio. There is limited space in the planting area next to the sidewalk – but Mr. Herburger will plant replacement trees, at least one tree.

***Board Member Moyer motions to approve the tree removal at Melvin's Fir Street Market. Board Member Bertagna seconds, all are in favor and motion carries.***

#### IV TREE REPORTS

Forester Galecki checked a Ponderosa Pine tree at 1001 E Cascade Avenue and wrote a report. This dead tree in the City's right-of-way. Do we need to wait for more than one tree? This tree is safe to stay for a bit, doesn't need immediate removal. The tree was damaged, has gravel stuck in the bottom of the tree. There is no clear reason why this tree died. The other trees surrounding this tree are all healthy. Per Recording Secretary Abbenhuis, David Vitelli from Bear Mountain will remove this tree for free (due to previous delays).

***Board Member Bertagna motions for this tree to be removed. Board member Moyer seconds, motion carries.***

Recording Secretary asks City Forester Galecki, per P.W. Director Bertagna's request, if he can take a look at the Cottonwood trees at Season's restaurant at Hood Avenue between Cedar Street and Larch Street. Board Member Moyer mentions that they are on private property but they are damaging the sidewalk. Per P.W. Director Bertagna, one of the neighbors called with concern. Parts of these trees are hanging over the sidewalk in the City's right-of-way area.

Forester Galecki asks what map the City uses to confirm the right-of-way. Forester Galecki uses the Deschutes County Dial maps. P.W. Director Bertagna confirms that the County maps are good to use. (City's GIS map is from 2009). Per P.W. Director Bertagna, sometimes a property pin can be found. (Most right-of-way areas are either 80 or 60 ft.). The City can always assist if necessary.

Board Member Bertagna asks if David Vitelli was able to cut a piece from the Creekside Park tree. David Vitelli found there was a lot more damage than expected. He left a good size stump and a large part of the trunk of the tree has been taken to PWHQ. The P.W. crew (Conrad Kiefer) will cut a slice out of the trunk and will preserve it. It will be set in the tree stump at Creekside Park.

Board Member Moyer mentions another tree that needs to be checked, it is located at Spruce Street. It is a large Pine tree, by the alley on the right, most likely in the City right-of-way. Per P.W. Director Bertagna this block is up for parking and sidewalk improvements. This tree is heaving the pavement/asphalt.

Board Member Moyer asks if there are any other comments or questions from the board members.

P.W. Director Bertagna asks Board Member Moyer about the Ponderosa Pine tree seedlings. Board Member Moyer will contact Recording Secretary Abbenhuis to arrange a pick up date and time.

P.W. Director Bertagna asks if in addition to the Cottonwoods on Hood Avenue Forester Galecki can join Recording Secretary Abbenhuis to meet Larry Nelson at the Welcome Gardens. Larry Nelson requested help and is in need of pruning advice. P.W. Director Bertagna also asks to add the tree at Pine St and Adams Avenue and the tree at W. Sisters View to the "drive by" list, and to keep checking on these trees occasionally.

Board Member Moyer adjourns the meeting at 3:40 PM.