



URBAN FORESTRY BOARD **Agenda**

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Monday, September 14, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.

520 E. Cascade Avenue – Sisters, OR 97759-City Hall

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- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. July 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- III. VISITOR COMMUNICATION-** There will be no verbal Visitor Communication. Written communication can be submitted for the record to trayburn@ci.sisters.or.us or dropped in the utility mail drop by 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.
- IV. BOARD BUSINESS**
 - A. Consideration & Discussion of Two (2) Stemmed Juniper Tree at 771 S. Wrangler Ct.
 - B. Consideration & Discussion of Homeowner’s Request to Remove Two fruit Bearing Cherry Trees at 348 S. Cottonwood
- V. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Urban Forester Updates Regarding Other Issues
- VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- VII. ADJOURN**

NOTE: A “substantial issue” not listed on a published agenda cannot be considered.

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Urban Forestry Board (UFB)

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2020

Board Members Present:

Dave Moyer, Chair

Patrick Burke

Marcus Peck

Absent:

Patricia Cusick

Staff:

Paul Bertagna, Public Works Director

Dan Galecki, Urban Forester

Troy Rayburn, Public Works Project Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Moyer called the Monday, July 13, 2020 regular meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Committee Administrator Troy Rayburn confirmed attendance, quorum present, and Board Member Patricia Cusick's excused absence and her position on agenda items "A" through "F. Email previously sent is a "For Your Information" only. Can not be counted as a vote due to parliamentary rules.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Moyer directed Board members to the June 8, 2020 draft meeting minutes and asked if there were any comments or questions. Seeing none, Chair Moyer called for a motion to approve. Board Member Marcus Peck made the motion. Board Member Patrick Burke second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

III. VISITOR COMMUNICATION

Chair Moyer asked staff to summarize visitor communication process under the auspice of COVID-19. Troy pointed out the information noted on the UFB's advertised agenda and summarized the call in / conference call process. Staff noted there was no one on the call.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Consideration & Discussion of Dead & Dying Aspen Trees in Traffic Medium on W. Hood Ave between Hwy. 242 & S. Cottonwood St.

Chair Moyer read the agenda item into the record and called on Urban Forester Dan Galecki to present his staff report and recommendation. Dan summarized his site visit findings and recommendation. Paul noted that traffic mediums are already being landscaped and just need approval to remove and replace the dead Aspen trees.

Chair Moyer called for comments or questions. Board agreed with Urban Forester's recommendation. Seeing no further discussion, Chair Moyer called for a motion from the Board. Board Member Marcus Peck made the motion per Dan's recommendation. Board Member Patrick Burke second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

B. Consideration & Discussion Regarding Removal of Four Dead Aspen Trees at Creekside Park

Dan was called on to present his report regarding four dead Aspen Trees.

Dan noted during his site visit that the four are in-fact dead. The UFB agreed. Consensus for no replacement trees.

Chair Moyer called for a motion seeing no further discussion or questions. Patrick made the motion per the Board's discussion and Dan's recommendation. Marcus second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

C. Consideration & Discussion Relating to Maintenance of Juniper in Public Right-of-Way at 356 W. Jefferson

Chair Moyer read the agenda item into the record and called on Dan to present. Dan outlined his site visit, staff report, conversations with Paul, and recommendation to professionally prune mature Juniper in the public right-of-way.

Chair Moyer asked for comments or questions. Seeing none, he called for a motion. Marcus moved the Urban Forester's recommendation. Patrick second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

D. Consideration & Discussion Regarding Removal of Diseased & Dying Ponderosa Pine in Public Right-of-Way at 366 W. Jefferson Avenue

Dan was asked to speak to his site visit, findings, conversations with Paul, and recommendation.

Paul summarized adjacent home owners communication with city regarding high winds and tree's vulnerability. He noted his conversations with Central Electric CO-OP. Answered a question regarding stump removal. The stump will be ground down and removed due to adjacent buried utility lines.

Chair Moyer asked for questions. Seeing none he called for a motion. Marcus moved Dan's recommendations. Patrick second. Motion passed 3-0.

E. Consideration & Discussion of Pruning of Ponderosa Pine at 127 W. Jefferson (Tree Located on E. Elm St. Straddles Public Right-of-Way & Private Property)

Chair Moyer read the agenda item into the record and called on Urban Forester Dan Galecki to present his staff report and recommendation. Dan summarized his site visit findings and recommendation. Paul noted the tree's location and positioning. 50 - 50 split. Half in public right-of-way and the other half on private property.

Chair Moyer called for comments or questions. Board agreed with Urban Forester's recommendation. Seeing no further discussion, Chair Moyer called for a motion from the Board. UFB Member Patrick Burke made the motion per Dan's recommendation. Board Member Marcus Peck second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

F. Consideration & Discussion Regarding Removal of Two Scared Ornamental Plum Trees at 414 W. Washington Avenue

Chair Moyer directed UFB to Dan's staff report. Dan was called on to present. Trees' condition is they are heavily scared and scrappy looking. He noted that request came from business owner immediately adjacent to the two plum trees.

Consensus that two Plum Trees will need to be replaced upon removal. Agreement being it is the adjacent business owner's responsibility. Business owner initiated the request and previously agreed to have trees removed and replaced.

Chair Moyer asked for any further questions. Seeing none, he called for a motion. Patrick moved the urban forester's recommendation. Marcus second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Urban Forester Update / Status Report Regarding Any Other Issues

Dan provided a high-level summary of other site inspections. Brought to the Board's attention his staff report at the end of the meeting packet regarding need to observe Cottonwood laying across Whychus Creek. He also noted his site inspections of various dying Maple trees in public rights-of-way. Commented that it's a over watering issue due to too many irrigation lines

within public right-of-way bulb out. Paul commented that irrigation lines will be realigned to prevent over watering.

Paul brought to the Board's attention a dead 2" pine at St. Helens & Pine. Requested that the "red & dead" pine be considered a hazard. Sought UFB approval to remove. Board noted that due to UFB's approval of urban forester professional discretion, this size of tree can be handled at staff level per urban forester's professional discretion, but agreed it should be removed.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No Board comments

VII. ADJOURN

Chair Moyer adjourned the Monday, July 13, 2020 Urban Forestry Board meeting at 3:30 PM.

STAFF REPORT

TO: Urban Forestry Board
FROM: Dan Galecki, Spindrift Forestry Consulting, SAF CF, City of Sisters Urban Forester
COPY: Paul Bertagna, Public Works Director
Troy Rayburn, Public Works Project Coordinator

RE: 771 S Wrangler CT Spilt 2 Stem Juniper 9/1/2020

INTRODUCTION:

Juniper tree with deep split stem, concerns about safety.

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

- **Juniper Tree # 1** One Juniper tree has 2 stems, from one stump, deep split persists. Below, are views from each side. The photo on the right shows a more dominate split, going to about a foot above ground.



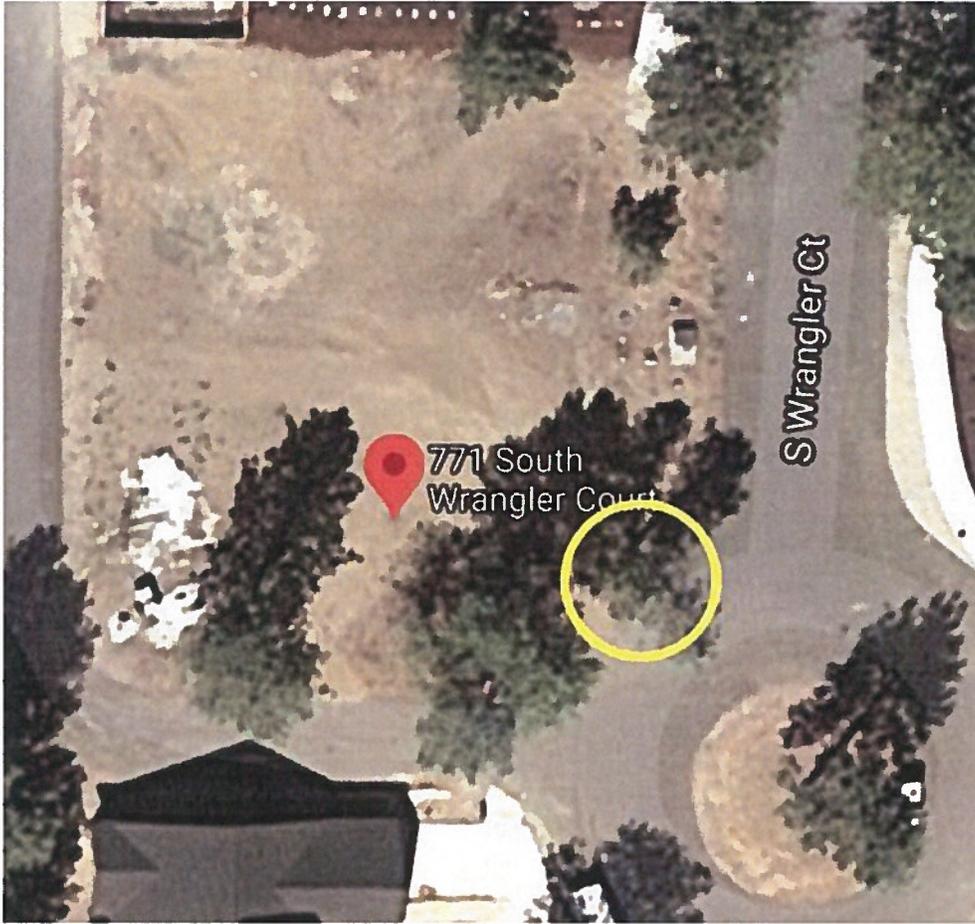
This particular Juniper is tall, and has 2 long leaning boles. The lean is shown below in the following photos. The port-a-potty and fire hydrant are a good point of reference, and tree resides in the ROW.



FISCAL IMPACT: This neighborhood is known for large trees. Elimination of a large tree, even if it's a Juniper, could disrupt the view or 'tree-scape' in these cul-de-sacs near S Wrangler CT. However, safety concerns could be more pressing if the tree is stressed with snow loads, and the split eventually fails.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:

It seems that the long lean of the bole, coupled with the fact that there is a deep split at the base, supports the idea that this Juniper tree will collapse in a storm with large amounts of snow load. Recommendation is to eliminate both stems of this Juniper. If a replacement tree is considered, a small Ponderosa Pine could be planted, preferably with more offset into the private lot.



Overhead view of the juniper. Image shows the crown's influence over S Wrangler CT. Elimination of this tree will negate any possibility that it could fall into traffic in the future.

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FROM: Dan Galecki, Spindrift Forestry Consulting, SAF CF, City of Sisters Urban Forester
COPY: Paul Bertagna, Public Works Director
Troy Rayburn, Public Works Project Coordinator

RE: 348 S Cottonwood St. 2 Ornamental Cherry Trees 9/8/2020

INTRODUCTION:

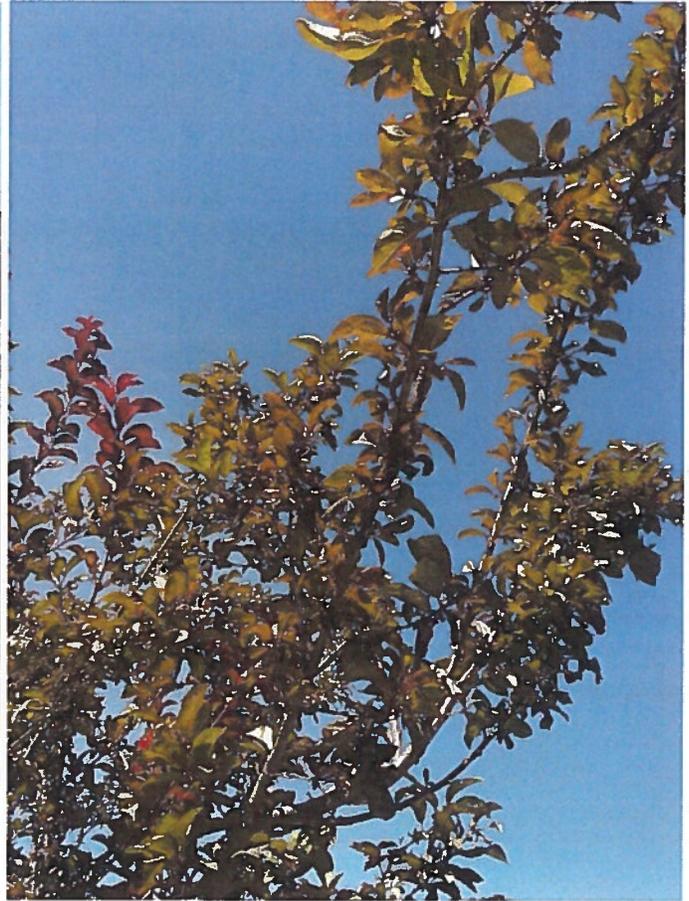
Owner at 348 S Cottonwood St considering replacing Cherry Trees with Maple.

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

- **Cherry Trees # 1 and #2** Owner is concerned about aesthetics of the 2 Cherry trees in the ROW front of their residence, and replacing with Maples.



2 Cherry trees, each 2 inches in diameter, reside in the city ROW, considered to be replace with Maples.



The Cherry Trees are healthy, except for minor occurrence of aphid infestation. This is common with Cherry and also Plum. The interior leaves are currently dry and brittle.

FISCAL IMPACT: This neighborhood is known a variety of young ornamental trees. Replacement of equal value trees will make small difference in the dynamics and tree-scape.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:

The 2 trees are currently healthy, except for the aphids. The infestation is usually seasonal in the spring and is minor. The Maples that are being considered as replacements have been to be overgrowing in the neighborhood, and have problems with potentially heaving sidewalks and roots growing above grade.

It is recommended that these 2 Cherry trees remain in place. The Maples that could replace them could have their own problems in the near future. Only if the aphids or some other issue severely affects these trees that replacement can be considered again.