



URBAN FORESTRY BOARD Agenda

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Monday, October 12, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.

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

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82402693570?pwd=bEZyNjVWVm82TGIBRS83RkRyYUwydz09>

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. September 14, 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 Property Owner's request to Monitor Stressed Grand Fir Tree at 644 S. Elm Street
 - B. Consideration & Discussion of Homeowner's Request to Remove Aspen Tree at 198 E. Black Butte Avenue
 - C. Consideration & Discussion of Adjacent Property's Request to Remove Ponderosa Pine at 716 S. Oak Street
- 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, September 14, 2020

Board Members Present:

Dave Moyer, Chair
Patricia Cusick
Marcus Peck

Absent:

Patrick Burke

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, September 14, 2020 regular meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Committee Administrator Troy Rayburn confirmed attendance, quorum present, and Board Member Patrick Burke's excused absence.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Moyer directed Board members to the July 13, 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 Patricia Cusick second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

III. VISITOR COMMUNICATION

Chair Moyer asked staff to summarize visitor communication process under the auspice of a Zoom meeting. Troy pointed out the information noted on the UFB's advertised agenda and City web site relating to Zoom meeting access. Staff noted there was no one else on the Zoom meeting other than U.F.B. members and staff.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Consideration & Discussion of Two (2) Stemmed Juniper Tree at 771 S. Wrangler Ct.

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.

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 Patricia Cusick made the motion per Dan's staff report. Board Member Marcus Peck second. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

B. Consideration & Discussion of Homeowner's Request to Remove Two fruit Bearing Cherry Trees at 348 S. Cottonwood

Dan was called on to present his report regarding two fruit bearing trees.

Tree removal request comes down to property owner's personal preference. Dan noted the trees are in good health. Only minor aphid infestation that could be easily alleviated with specific pruning and spraying. The U.F.B. agreed.

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

V. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Dan did not have any immediate updates. Asked the U.F.B. to contact Paul or Troy at the City if they become aware of tree issues.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Patricia inquired about tree replacement for the large Ponderosa Pine removed from the city right-of-way at 366 W. Jefferson Avenue. Public Works Director Paul Bertagna noted that due to underground infrastructure (sewer) and no irrigation in public rights-of-way it is not feasible to plant replacement tree.

Patricia also asked about replacement trees for two scared ornamental Plum trees at 414 W. Washington Avenue. Troy noted that he called and left a voicemail message after July 13 meeting for the gentlemen who requested the tree removal. He included replacement trees in message. Gentlemen never followed up. Two scared Plum trees still standing as of Sept. 2020.

City Manager Cory Miskey updated the U.F.B. on the financial and legal settlement with adjacent property owner, Ryan Hudson, who illegally cut down mature Ponderosa Pine in public right-of-way on S. Larch Street. Comprehensive newspaper article to appear in The Nugget on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

VII. ADJOURN

Chair Moyer adjourned the Monday, October 12, 2020 Urban Forestry Board meeting at 3:00 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: 644 S Elm St. Observation of city ROW Grand Fir tree. 10/2/2020

INTRODUCTION:

An observation has been concerning a stressed Grand Fir at 644 S Elm St.

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

- *Grand Fir # 1 – Located directly in front of new lot development 644 S Elm St. The tree is 11 inches in diameter. The top is dead, and much discoloration is observed.*





The X's designate the landmarks that identify the city ROW. The arrow is the GF in question.

FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated cost of removal is modest. Trees of this medium stature contribute in a positive way to this neighborhood, however, elimination will not impact the general tree-scape.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation is to keep the 11 inch Grand Fir. Close observation is recommended. The discoloration and stress are severe enough to suggest the tree will not recover, but favorable weather and moisture are expected in the fall, and there may be a chance to observe some improvement.

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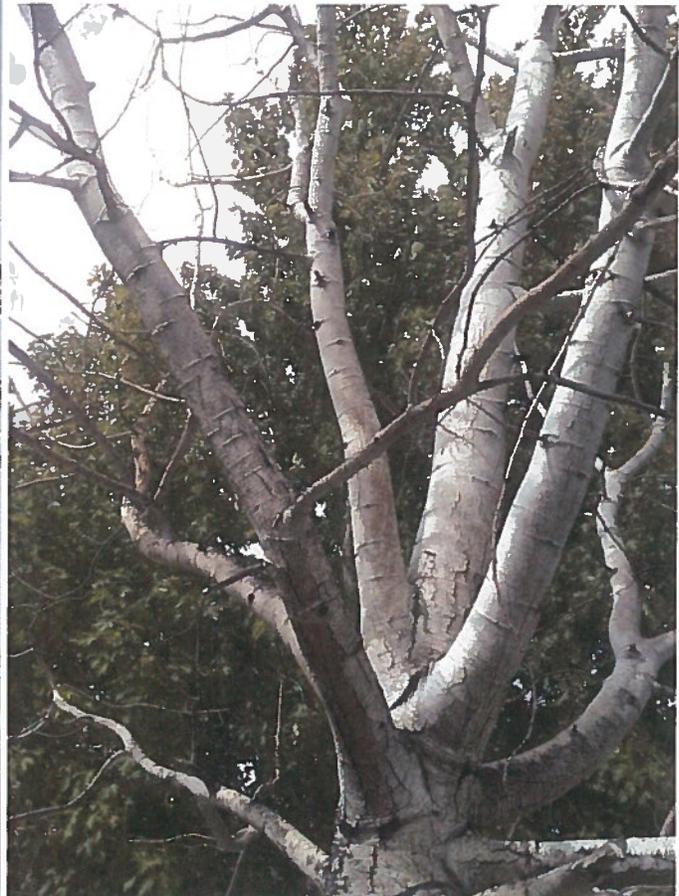
**RE: 198 E Black Butte Ave. Request for removal of city ROW Aspen tree.
9/24/2020**

INTRODUCTION:

A request has been made to remove a stressed Aspen tree in the city ROW at 198 E Black Butte Ave.

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

- *Aspen # 1 – Located directly in front of the residence at 198 E Black Butte Ave. The tree is 10 inches in diameter. The foliage is dropping and sparse, cracks exist in the bole and branches from scale and hypoxylon infestation. Also, there is a fence post imbedded within the bole.*



FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated cost of removal is minimal. A replacement tree, similar in stature, but not an Aspen will benefit this neighborhood.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation is to follow the request of removal of the 10 inch Aspen. The tree is currently not healthy, and the fencepost in the bole could present future problems. A small tree from the city's preferred tree list is recommended as a replacement.



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**RE: 716 S Oak St. Request for removal of city ROW Ponderosa Pine tree.
9/24/2020**

INTRODUCTION:

A request has been made to remove a forked Ponderosa Pine tree in the city ROW at 716 S Oak St.

BACKGROUND & FINDINGS:

- *Ponderosa Pine # 1 – Located directly in front of the residence 716 S Oak St. The tree is 27 inches in diameter. The top is forked, and the owner of the lot expressed concern.*



FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated cost of removal is significant. Trees of this large stature contribute in a positive way to this neighborhood.

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation is to keep the 27 inch Ponderosa Pine. The fork is not deeply split, and has been maintaining itself for a long period of time. Improvements have already been made to the landowners lot to ensure access and safety. Significant elimination of trees has already occurred, and any more cutting is not recommended.

