

Council Communication

May 19, 2015, Business Meeting

2015 Annual Appointments – Tree Commission

FROM:

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SUMMARY

Approval of the Mayor's recommendations for the Annual Appointments to the Tree Commission.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The ending term for the Tree Commission is April 30, 2015. Proper notice was made in our local newspaper and the City's website on the vacancies.

Appointments are 3-year appointments with terms ending April 30, 2018.

AMC 2.10.040 - Section 2.10.040 Quorum and Effect of Lack Thereof

A meeting quorum shall consist of more than one-half of the total number of authorized members of the body, including any vacant positions. Non-voting ex officio members, staff and liaisons do not count toward the quorum.

Tree Commission – 7 members – (one position open)

Maureen Battistella – new appointment

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTED ACTION:

None

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve annual appointments to the Tree Commission as recommended by Mayor John Stromberg.

ATTACHMENTS:

Application received



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

Please type or print answers to the following questions and submit to the City Recorder at City Hall, 20 E Main Street, or email christeb@ashland.or.us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City Recorder at 488-5307. **Attach additional sheets if necessary.**

Name Maureen Flanagan Battistella

Requesting to serve on: Tree Commission (Commission/Committee)

Address 395 Hemlock Lane Ashland OR 97520

Occupation Retired Anthropology/Marketing Phone: Home 541-552-0743

Work _____

Email _____

Fax _____

1. Education Background

What schools have you attended? Rutgers University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of South Dakota, Southern Oregon University

What degrees do you hold? MLS; post-bac work in Public Administration, Educational Technology, Geographic Information Systems

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?
Geographic Information Systems; Anthropology

2. Related Experience

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

Digital marketing experience might help in building community awareness; historical and anthropological research would help relate trees to heritage; GIS work would enable mapping technologies to interpret land use changes

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? I would want to learn more about trees to understand life cycle, growth patterns, reasons for planting that variety, reasons for nominating that tree



3. Interests

Why are you applying for this position? Last week at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in Eugene I enjoyed a paper about Portland's heritage tree program that made me realize how trees are significant historical markers for a contemporary understanding of historical and historic events and people – made me curious and interested.

4. Availability

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? No problem attending additional meetings; some days might be easier than others_____

5. Additional Information

How long have you lived in this community? 15 years, since 2000_____

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

I am working on several agricultural heritage projects for the Southern Oregon Historical Society, the Jackson County Extension Service and Southern Oregon University that have raised my interest in land use and agricultural transitions. Further I have an academic appointment with the Department of Anthropology at Southern Oregon University, so have full access to these resources as well.

I know Terry Skibby and would like to gain his cooperation in the documentation of later trees – I see he worked on some of the earlier trees._____

Thank you for your consideration.

4/6/15_____

Date

Maureen Flanagan Battistella_____

Signature

