



CITY OF ASHLAND



TREE COMMISSION MINUTES October 3, 2019

Tree Commissioners:	Parks Liaison:
Chris John	Mike Oxendine
Cat Gould	Peter Baughman - Absent
Russell Neff	Council Liaison:
Eric Simpson	Steven Jensen
	Staff Liaison:
	Aaron Anderson
Not In Attendance:	
Asa Cates	

CALL TO ORDER

Chair John called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Siskiyou Room of the Community Development and Engineering Services Building located at 51 Winburn Way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners Neff / Simpson m/s to approve the minutes of September 5, 2019. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

LIAISON REPORTS

- Council Liaison Jensen was absent so no report was given.
- Mike Oxendine, Parks Superintendent was present to give a short presentation regarding the Arbor Day planting. Other items discussed were:
 - Japanese Garden project is back up and running.
 - Street tree was taken out by auto accident in front of Cripple Creek Music.
 - Proposal of large Conifer in Plaza.
 - Street tree plantings in front of Armory.
 - Green Legacy project.

John/Simpson M/S to direct staff to draft a letter of support for the peace tree / ginkgo tree to be planted at a location TBD. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

- Community Development Liaison Aaron Anderson had nothing significant to report.

TYPE 1 REVIEWS POSTPONED DUE TO LACK OF REPRESENTATION

STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMITS

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2019-00076

SUBJECT PROPERTIES: 132 6th St.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Willow Denon

DESCRIPTION: A request for a Street Tree removal of a 12" DBH Black Oak which is interfering with electric wiring and causing uplift to the sidewalk. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Multi Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-2; **MAP:** 39 1E 09AC; **TAX LOT:** 2500

There was no conflict of interest or ex-parte communication indicated by the Commission.

Anderson gave staff report for TREE-2019-00076.

Following a brief review of the application, Ms. Denon spoke on her behalf, expressing concern for liability due to sidewalk uplift, and conflict with overhead wires.

Upon conclusion of the public hearing the TC deliberated. Chair John remarked that in a long-term perspective the tree will continue to conflict with the overhead wires.

John/Neff M/S to approve TREE-2019-00076 as submitted. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2019-00079

SUBJECT PROPERTIES: 153 Oak St.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Magnolia Inn View LLC

DESCRIPTION: A request for a Street Tree removal of an 18" DBH Oak which has dropped a number of large branches and is causing uplift to the sidewalk. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Commercial; **ZONING:** C-1; **MAP:** 39 1E 09BB; **TAX LOT:** 11600

Chair John recused himself.

Anderson gave staff report for TREE-2019-00079.

The applicant explained that tree has caused significant uplift to the sidewalk and dropped several large branches. Additionally, she has concerns that the recent work planned by charter cable will affect the root zone.

Gould/Simpson m/s to approve TREE-2019-00079 with a condition of approval that the removal only be authorized if the project arborist determines that it be required to repair the sidewalk by IAW ADA standards. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2019-00081

SUBJECT PROPERTIES: 638 Fair Oaks St.

OWNER: Julian Square Condominium

APPLICANT: Canopy LLC

DESCRIPTION: Request for a street tree removal permit to remove a large (15" DBH) Elm that is causing damage to irrigation boxes and causing uplift of the curb. The tree was not selected to be preserved when the condominium was developed and the submitted landscaping plan indicates that a red maple was supposed to be planted near this location. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** North Mountain Plan; **ZONING:** NM-MF; **MAP:** 39 1E 04AD; **TAX LOT:** 44000

Chair John recused himself.

Anderson gave staff report for TREE-2019-00081.

Paul Segal from the HOA was present for the presentation. The trees roots are causing damage to the water meter box and irrigation controller. It was not intended to be saved during the development, and the original landscape plan indicates that a red maple was designed to be planted but for some reason the tree was left.

Gould/Simpson m/s to approve TREE-2019-00081 with a condition of approval that it be replaced with a red maple. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

TYPE I REVIEWS

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2019-00077

SUBJECT PROPERTIES: 1090 Benson Way

OWNER: Capstone Asset Mgmt Corp

APPLICANT: Canopy LLC

DESCRIPTION: A request for a Street Tree removal of a 8" DBH Maple in poor health. The applicant is Canopy LLC and they have submitted an arborist report. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Employment; **ZONING:** E-1; **MAP:** 39 1E 14 D; **TAX LOT:** 201

Anderson gave staff report for TREE-2019-00077.

After a brief discussion the Commission rendered their decision.

Gould/Neff m/s to approve TREE-2019-00077 with a condition of approval that it be mitigated with a large stature deciduous tree. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2019-00078

SUBJECT PROPERTIES: 580 Roca St.

OWNER: Normal School Board of Regents

APPLICANT: Jim McNamara

DESCRIPTION: A request for a Tree removal permit to remove a 22-inch DBH Pine tree that is leaning nearly 45 degrees. The tree is located near the Central Heat Plant. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Southern Oregon University; **ZONING:** SO; **MAP:** 39 1E 15BB; **TAX LOT:** 100

Anderson gave staff report for TREE-2019-00078.

After a brief discussion the Commission rendered their decision.

Gould/John M/S to approve TREE-2019-00078 with the condition that they plant 2-2" mitigation trees. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- The Ad Hoc Committee proposal on sidewalk tree conflict was discussed.

Gould/John m/s to stream line the process of delegating approval of street tree removal by a qualified staff arborist, as required, when Public Works initiates sidewalk complaints. Good for a period of 12 months. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

- Potential Street Tree removal 328 Liberty.
- Tree of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2019 at 6:00pm

There being no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

Respectfully submitted by Regan Trapp