



CITY OF ASHLAND



Ashland Tree Commission
Minutes
December 9, 2021

Call to Order

Commission Chair Chris John called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm via Zoom .

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison
Christopher John	Stephen Jensen
Asa Cates	
Vacancy (3)	Park Liaison
	Peter Baughman
Vacancy (5)	
Cat Gould	Staff Present:
Vacancy (7)	Aaron Anderson: Associate Planner
Commissioners Not In Attendance:	
Eric Simpson	

Approval of Minutes

Commissioners Chris John / Cat Gould m/s to approve the minutes of November 4, 2021. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

Public Forum

There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

Liaison reports

Council Liaison - gave a brief update including the hiring of the new city manager and his background. Councilor Jensen then briefly discussed the status of the repairs on the community center and gave some background on the ad hoc committee's work. Finally, he reported on the discussions that council has had regarding connecting to the RVSS.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – – Large Big Leaf maple was removed from near the pickle ball court. The Japanese park still underway and may be completed in a year or so.

Community Development Liaison – none

TYPE I REVIEWS

PLANNING ACTION: PA-T1-2021-00163

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 677 Oak Street

OWNER: June M., Victor R. & Felix R. Zboralski

APPLICANTS: Herb Farber, Victor & Felix Zboralski

DESCRIPTION: A request for Land Partition approval to create three lots from the property at 677 Oak Street. The application also includes a request for Tree Removal Permits to remove three significant trees, two of which are within the proposed building envelope on the proposed Parcels 2 & 3, and one located within the

proposed driveway. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Single Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-1-5; **MAP:** 39 1E 04CA; **TAX LOT:** 2000

Staff briefly presented the application and handed the presentation over the Mr. Farber representing the application. There was discussion that without site plan the removals might be unjustified. Mr. Farber explained that they were just asking for the request in case they needed to be removed in the future. Staff was asked how the recommendation of the tree commission would affect the partition. Anderson stated that the partition would likely be approved, but with a condition of approval for their protection. Both Victor and Felix Zboralski spoke as well discussing the health of the trees. The public hearing was then closed.

Chair John and Asa both expressed concerns about approving the removal of these trees preemptively without justification.

Commissioners Asa Cates / Cat Gould M/S to deny the request for tree removal until a site plan has been developed.

PLANNING ACTION: PA-TREE-2021-00174

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 5 Water St.

OWNER/APPLICANT: City of Ashland / APRC

DESCRIPTION: A request to remove one ash tree at Bluebird Park located at 5 Water St. The tree is estimated to be 17 inches DBH and is a few feet from Ashland creek. The application states that the tree recently shed some large branches and has a failure at the union of the two main leaders. The project arborist recommends removal as the only solution.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Downtown; **ZONING:** C-1-D;

MAP: 39 1E 09 BB; **TAX LOT:** 9600

Anderson briefly presented the application and then turned the presentation over the Peter. Peter mentioned that the main reason APRC approached ComDev for a permit due to the proximity to Bear Creek. Anderson stated that all significant trees on City property are regulated and this conflicts with the exemption. Peter mentioned that the opposite side of the creek may be more appropriate for mitigation.

Commissioners Chris John / Cat Gould M/S to approve the application as presented. 3-0

Adjournment: *Cat Gould/ Asa Cates M/S to adjourn as John needs to leave due to illness and has caused a lack of a quorum.* Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Liz Hamilton