

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2019

Community Development/Engineering Services Building – 51 Winburn Way – Siskiyou Room

CALL TO ORDER:

Shostrom called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm in the Siskiyou Room at the Community Development and Engineering Offices located at 51 Winburn Way, Ashland OR 97520.

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison:
Skibby	Rich Rosenthal - Absent
Babin	Staff Present:
Hovenkamp	Fotini Kaufman; Planning Dept.
Emery	Regan Trapp; Secretary
Swink	
Giordano	
Whitford	
Shostrom	
Commissioners Absent:	Von Chamier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Swink motioned to approve minutes for April 3, 2019. Giordano seconded. Voice vote. ALL AYES. Motion passed. Whitford abstained.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Julie Norman (Friends of Lithia Park) residing at 596 Helman Street in Ashland, addressed the Commission regarding an event honoring John McClaren's legacy (fir grove) in Lithia Park happening on May 14, 2019 at the Headwaters Environmental Center. **(See exhibit A)** Ms. Norman spoke about the history of the fir grove and the Japanese Garden project. The Friends of Lithia Park are starting the petition process to designate the Fir Grove as a Heritage Tree area.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Rosenthal was absent so no report was given.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Info on Water Treatment Plant – Granite Street (Kevin Caldwell, Public Works Dept)
 - Mr. Caldwell invited the Historic Commission to be a part of the planning of the new Water Treatment Plant. A site visit will be planned for June 5th at 5pm before the regular meeting of the Historic Commission. Kaufman will send out site plans with the June agenda.

PLANNING ACTION REVIEW:

PLANNING ACTION: PA-T1-2019-00052

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 533 Rock Street

OWNER/APPLICANT: Anne Marie Avegno

DESCRIPTION: A request for Modification to the approved Planning Action #2018-00013 to add a 160 square-foot second-story above the approved 220 square-foot Accessory Residential Unit. This application also includes a Variance to the rear setback requirement in order to build up, rather than out, and save the existing large Cedar tree. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:** Low Density, Multi-Family Residential; **ZONING:** R-2; **ASSESSOR'S MAP:** 39 1E 05DA; **TAX LOT:** 5400.

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

Kaufman gave the staff report for PA-T1-2019-00052.

The applicants were not present.

Shostrom opened the discussion to the Commission for their comments.

After a brief discussion regarding parking, height and massing of structure and use of the structure the Commission rendered their decision.

Shostrom motioned to approve PA-T1-2019-00052 as presented. Skibby seconded. Voice vote. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

NEW ITEMS:

- Review board schedule.
- Project assignments for planning actions.
- Historic Preservation Week

COMMISSION ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Shostrom expressed concern about the Community Center and would like the Commission to write a letter to Public Works to save the building. Shostrom motioned in support of drafting a letter to Public Works to save the Community Center. Whitford seconded. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no items to discuss.

Review Board Schedule

May 9 th	Terry, Keith, Bill (Sam Backup)
May 16 th	Terry, Tom, Beverly
May 23 rd	Terry, Piper, Dale
May 30 th	Terry, Ellen, Sam
June 6 th	Terry, Keith, Beverly

Project Assignments for Planning Actions

PA-2017-00235	114 Granite/ 9 Nutley – Work has started	Shostrom
PA-2017-00200	165 Water – Extension to PA submitted	ALL
PA-2017-01294	128 Central– Work has started	Emery & Swink
PA- 2017-02005	533 Fairview(aka 100 Union) Work has started	Emery
PA-2017-02351/ 00026	549 E. Main – Permit issued, work started	Swink & Emery
PA-T1-2018-00023	75 Lithia Way	Von Chamier & Babin
PA-T1-2018-00029	128/130 Bush Street – Permit issued	Hovenkamp & Whitford
PA-T1-2018-00033	160 Helman – No building permit	Shostrom
PA-T1-2018-00038	111 Bush – No building permit	Whitford
PA-T1-2019-00050	346 Scenic Drive	Emery
PA-T1-2019-00052	533 Rock	Babin

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Next meeting is scheduled June 5, 2019 at 6:00pm

There being no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted by Regan Trapp

You're invited! May 14, 2019 from 7 to 8pm

**A Lasting Vision for Public Spaces:
John McLaren's 100-Year Legacy of Trees in Lithia Park**

Join us for a **FREE** audiovisual presentation hosted by Friends of Lithia Park at the Headwaters Environmental Center (4th and C Streets in Ashland).

Three short films, two locally produced, will educate and inform us about the seminal role park designer John McLaren played in reforesting Lithia Park and give a bird's-eye view of the historic Douglas fir grove by the Japanese Garden. Two brief talks will add detail to the life story of McLaren and the growing, scientific evidence about the hidden life of trees.

> **Legacy Of Trees: John McLaren's Gift To Ashland** by Larry Cooper

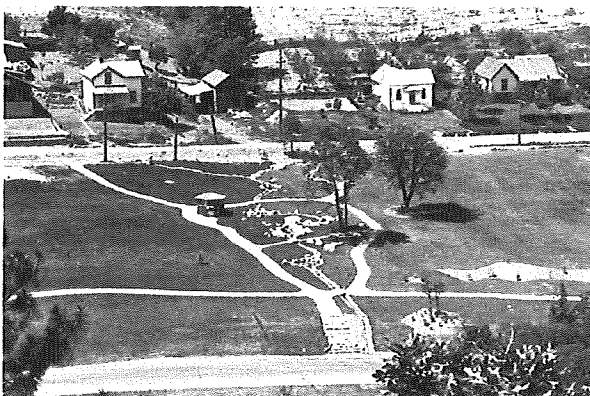
Watch this new drone video tour of Lithia Park's 100-year old Douglas Fir Grove, in a tribute to award-winning park designer and superintendent of Golden Gate Park, John McLaren, who created and then implemented Lithia Park's original landscaping plan in 1914 and 1915.

> **Simple Gifts — A Song for Lithia Park** by Cici and Mark Brown

Filmed in 2006, local young musicians bring life to the Sycamore Grove and McLaren's legacy, playing the sweet sounds of the old Shaker hymn, *Simple Gifts*, which the beautiful space we call Lithia Park offers us. John McLaren originally intended the Sycamore Grove to be used as a "music concourse."

> **How Trees Secretly Talk To Each Other In The Forest**

A short video explaining evolving science about the life of trees in their ecosystems. Courtesy of National Geographic.



To sign our online petition to designate McLaren's historic Fir Grove as *Ashland Heritage Trees*, please visit:
tinyurl.com/FirGrove

<< 1915: Fir Grove seedlings north of Japanese Garden