



CITY OF OREGON CITY

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE (NRC)

AGENDA

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orccity.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Natural Resources Committee members have the opportunity to rearrange, remove, or add items on the agenda. Adding an item to the agenda requires the consensus of the Natural Resources Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to waive limitations. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. The Natural Resources Committee does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the City Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

- [1.](#) Adoption of NRC Biennial Work Plan for 2023 - 2025

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [2.](#) Removal of Heritage Tree Designation for Dead Austrian Pine at Swimming Pool

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Please review minutes prior to meeting.

- [3.](#) Minutes Approval for 2021-01-13

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.

As a general practice, the City Commission does not engage in discussion with those making comments.

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

To: Natural Resources Committee
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 04/12/2023

SUBJECT:

Adoption of NRC Biennial Work Plan for 2023 - 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review and adopt the NRC Biennial Work Plan for 2023 - 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The NRC made final revisions to the work plan on March 8, 2023 and tabled the items for adoption until this evening. Please refer to the attached worksheet to see the changes. A final draft of the work plan is attached.

BACKGROUND:

Item Continued from 3/8/2023. The updated work plan for 2023-2025 will consist of projects and tasks for the 2023-2025 biennium. Some of the work plan items are on-going (such as commenting on land use applications and participating in updates to the comprehensive plan and codes), while others require on-the-ground logistics and the commitment of members and staff resources and budget to complete. City Commission goals and priorities for the 2023-2025 Biennium have not been finalized yet.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt the work plan as drafted.
2. Continue revisions and bring back for adoption at a future meeting

Oregon City Natural Resource Committee 2023-2025 Work Plan

NRC Responsibility #1:

Promote Community Involvement in Natural Resources Conservation

1. Support a public tree inventory with volunteer participation for city properties, parks, street trees, school properties and other public lands.
2. Communicate regularly with Neighborhood Associations, Citizen Involvement Commission and the business community to promote programs such as the heritage tree program and arbor day.
3. Improve awareness through the city website, brochures, QR code signage, and social media for awareness and interpretation of local natural and geological features, trails, stormwater facilities, watersheds and sites. Coordinate with city efforts to enhance tourism. This would emphasize local knowledge and provide interpretative signs for people to learn about things like birding, swift migrations, heritage trees, laminated signs that lead to OC website. Give people an easy way to learn.
4. Continue to strengthen and encourage participation in the Heritage Tree Program through brochures, Informational signs for trees, \$\$\$ for incentives, site visits, further outreach and social media.
5. Work with property owners to voluntarily seek heritage tree designation within the Thimble Creek Concept Plan area.
6. Support city partnerships with HOAs, Metro and Greater Oregon City Watershed Council for grant applications for habitat improvement projects from Newell Creek to Abernethy Creek.
7. Support partnerships with Oregon Heritage Tree Council and Oregon Community Trees.

NRC Responsibility #2:

Initiate recommendations and review updates to the City's comprehensive plan, codes and policy as they relate to statewide Planning Goals that are integral to our mission.

1. Provide input to the City Commission on amendments to the City's tree protection and removal codes.
2. Amend city resolution nuisance and native plant lists to reference regionally accepted and regularly updated plant lists such as Metro, Portland, Clackamas Coil and Water District WeedWise program, Willamette Native Plant List.
3. Support a coordinated strategy for invasive species management in 2021-2023, such as encouraging City participation as a partner to the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. Improve public outreach / information about invasive plants.
4. With public works department, explore feasibility of offering reduced stormwater rates in return for planting trees in the right-of-way to intercept rainfall, reduce run-off and improve stormwater quality.
5. Look at the City of Eugene Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program model as an example of a way to integrate IPM into city operations.
6. Support the City's application to and participation in the Bee City USA program through the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

7. Promote public awareness of ways to promote and preserve invertebrate habitat through educational events such as booths at a Spring Resource Fair the city website, Trail News, the city Facebook page and other social media.
8. Promote public awareness of cost savings associated with reduced pesticide application and reduced landscape maintenance.

NRC Responsibility #3:

Receive Notice and Comment on Land Use Applications and Projects within City Limits and the Urban Growth Boundary

1. Review and comment on Type III applications to vary from the adopted standards of the Natural Resources Overlay District and Willamette River Greenway Overlay District.

NRC Responsibility #4: Conduct Orderly Meetings that result in Good Communications

1. Maintain and Update a list of Natural Resources Committee priorities and activities to share with Planning Commission and City Commission.

NRC Responsibility #5:

Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and Planning and City Commissions on at least an annual basis that results in good communication and mutually beneficial results.

1. Strengthen coordination with PRAC and parks staff through regular interaction and attendance at PRAC meetings.
2. Support funding initiatives and grant applications for parks and open space.
3. Invite Parks staff to attend NRC meetings.

Oregon City Natural Resource Committee 2023-2025

Work Plan

Please make reference the City Commission’s goals and priorities as well, and how activities may fit into those priorities, especially if significant staff resources and funding are required.

- The worksheet contains room for additional suggested activities, which will require discussion and prioritization by the committee before being added to the list.
- Should any activities be removed? What activities should be added, or modified?

Activity	KEEP?	REMOVE?	MODIFY:
NRC Responsibility #1: Promote Community Involvement in Natural Resources Conservation Activities (not in order of priority)			
1. Support and promote volunteer participation for a public tree inventory for city properties, parks, street trees, schoolproperties and other public lands.	Break into smaller sections		1. Open dialogue with public works and applicable departments to explore feasibility of stormwater program incentives NPDES-MS4 for planting trees. What are options for providing credits?
2. Communicate with Neighborhood Associations, Citizen Involvement Commission and the Business Community. NRC members will promote programs such as the heritage tree program, arbor day, etc. through presentations to other groupsand boards.			Promote Bee City USA participation.
3. Support a process and media (brochures, signage, media, apps, etc.) for naming and interpretation of local natural and geological features for improved awareness of watersheds, enhanced tourism, etc. Support walking tours, etc. This is an on-going project.			More information on the website. Promote local knowledge, e.g. hiking trails, stormwater pond, birding, swift migrations, heritage trees, QR codes – avoids vandalism, laminated signs that lead to OC website. Give people an easy way to learn.
4. Continue to strengthen and encourage participation in the Heritage Tree Program (brochures, Informational signs for trees, \$\$\$ for incentives, Further Outreach and Social Media). • In 2019, NRC recommended adding site visits by the NRC to the process.			Try to consolidate the heritage tree programs and help citizens who want to designate heritage trees and stands.
5. Support and provide input on projects that improve connectivity between Rossmann landfill site, End of the Oregon Trailinterpretive center, Cove and Willamette Rivers. This is tied to strategies in the adopted Comprehensive Plan (2003), theCity’s adopted Waterfront Master Plan (2001) and the Downtown Community Plan (1999).		Remove	
6. Support projects with private landowners within and outside of the city, includingClackamette Cove. Projects could include planting trees for additional shade.			Idea – not for work plan. But, coordinate with ODOT to promote additional tree plantings when opportunities. Paris Edwards – climate action plan. OCT.
7. Continue work with property owners on heritage tree designation within Thimble Creek Concept Plan.			
8. Support city partnerships with HOA’s, Metro for grant applications for habitat improvement project from Newell Creek to Abernethy Creek.			
9. Support partnerships with Oregon Heritage Tree Council and Oregon Community Trees.			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
NRC Responsibility #2. Initiate recommendations and review updates to the City’s comprehensive plan, codes and policy as they relate to statewide Planning Goals that are integral to our mission. Activities (not in order of priority)			
1. Adopt the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District WeedWise Program Nuisance Plant list – which is updated regularly. 2. Adopt the Metro / City of Portland, Background Habitat / Xerces Society / Willamette Native Plant list which are a 3. Support a coordinated strategy for invasive species management in 2021-2023, such as encouraging City participation as			Modify the resolution.

a partner to the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management (IPM)program. Improve public outreach / information about invasive plants.				Item #1.
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Activity	KEEP?	REMOVE?	MODIFY:
4. Update the City-wide Water Resource and Wetland Inventory. Support staff efforts to address as resources allow. NRC recognizes the need to update the City’s water resources, stream and wetland inventory (1999). This involves an extensive and expensive Local Wetland Inventory and Statewide Goal 5 process. Funding for this effort would need to come from grants. It is unknown whether funding sources are available or whether this is a City Commission priority.		Remove	Not something the NRC can control and is part of state law. Monarch Pledge Bee City USA Use Social Media to promote public awareness of the invertebrate habitat threats and ways to promote and preserve Spring Resource Fair City of Eugene IPM model Promote public awareness of cost savings associated with reduced pesticide application and reduced maintenance.
Other Activity Suggestion:			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
NRC Responsibility #3: Receive Notice and Comment on Land Use Applications and Projects within City Limits and the Urban Growth Boundary Activities (not in order of priority)			
1. Review and comment on requests to vary from the standards of the Natural Resources Overlay District, Geologic Hazard Overlay District, and Willamette River Greenway Overlay District.			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
NRC Responsibility #4. Conduct Orderly Meetings that result in Good Communications Activities (not in order of priority)			
1. Maintain and Update a list of Natural Resources Committee priorities and activities to share with Planning Commission andCity Commission.			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
Other Activity Suggestion:			
NRC Responsibility #5. Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) and Planning and City Commissions on at least an annual basis that results in good communication and mutually beneficial results. Activities			
1. Support a local levy for parks.			

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2. Invite Kendall Reid, Parks and Rec. Director, to meetings.			Strengthen coordination with PRAC and parks staff through regular interaction and attendance at PRAC meetings.	Item #1.
Other Activity Suggestion:				
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625 Center Street
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To: Natural Resources Committee
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 04/12/2023

SUBJECT:

Removal of Heritage Tree Designation for Dead Austrian Pine at Swimming Pool

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the NRC approve the removal and de-designation of the Austrian Pine heritage tree at the Oregon City Swimming Pool, 1211 Jackson Street

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A designated heritage tree has been in decline since 2021 and is now mostly dead, and poses a potential hazard. The Parks Department wishes to remove the tree. Pursuant to OCMC 12.32, the Natural Resources Committee and City Commission shall be notified of the pending de-designation prior to the removal.

BACKGROUND:

The heritage tree is a 31.5" DBH Austrian Pine (*Pinus nigra*) growing on city property at the Oregon City Swimming Pool at 1211 Jackson Street. The tree is located on the south side of the property abutting the patio area. The NRC recommended approval of the designation as part of a larger Heritage Stand nomination on June 8, 2022 and the tree was designated by the City Commission on June 15, 2022.

Parks staff submitted a Type I Minor Site Plan and Design Review application with Tree Removal Addendum and also a City Staff Application for Removal of Significant Trees. Parks Maintenance Manager Jon Waverly confirmed that the tree is indeed dead and that there are no other options but removal for safety reasons including proximity to the building and wading pool.

Planning concurs that the Austrian Pine tree appears to be fully dead with the remaining foliage dry and brown. Closer inspection of the tree indicates fungal fruiting bodies on both trunks, a clear indicator of advanced internal decay. Small dead branches are already falling from the tree. The tree has a double leader and included bark in the crotch, with one of the trunks leaning in the direction of the swimming pool fence, picnic tables,

building and wading pool. At some point, given a significant weather event, it is possible that the tree could fail and some portion of the tree fall in the direction of these targets with a high likelihood of impact. The consequences of failure are significant, and could result in substantial personal injury, moderate to high-value property damage and considerable disruption of important activities.

Per OCMC 12.32.080.B. an application to remove a heritage tree or stand shall demonstrate that the burden imposed on the property owner by the continued presence of the tree outweighs the public benefit provided by the tree. For the purposes of making this determination, the following tree impacts shall not be considered unreasonable burdens on the property owner, or if appropriate, the city:

- 1. View obstruction;*
- 2. Routine pruning, leaf raking and other maintenance activities; and*
- 3. Infrastructure impacts or tree hazards that can be controlled or avoided by appropriate pruning or maintenance.*

12.32.100 - Removal of heritage tree or stand designation.

A designated heritage tree or stand may have that designation removed if the tree or stand dies or is removed pursuant to this chapter. The natural resources committee, parks and recreation advisory committee, and city commission shall be notified of the pending de-designation prior to the removal as applicable. If removed from private property, the city shall record a document extinguishing the covenant.

It is staff's opinion that the burden imposed on the property owner by the continued presence of the tree outweighs the public benefit provided by the tree. At this point, the tree is a moderate hazard and the hazards cannot be avoided or controlled through appropriate pruning or maintenance.

OPTIONS:

1. Discussion and direction to City staff

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$ NA

FY(s): TBD

Funding Source(s): TBD



City Staff Application for Removal of Significant Public Trees

Please complete this packet and attach all required application materials. If any section of the application form is incomplete, the application will be returned.

This section to be completed by staff only:

Reviewed By: Molly Gaughran Date: 3/21/23 Associated Permit #: TREE-23-00015

☒ Tree Removal Subject to Public Tree Removal Policy ☐ Tree Removal Exempt from Public Tree Removal Policy

Pursuant to City Commission Resolution No. 20-33 (Effective 12/04/2020)

Please use this form is for tree removal on City-owned property, Urban Renewal owned property, City-initiated tree removal within the public right-of-way to determine whether or not the City's public tree removal policy applies to the proposed tree removal. The purpose of this review is to reduce unnecessary tree removal by the City and provide public notification and other best practices when such removal occurs.

Applicant Name: Kyle Christoph Department: Facilities
Phone: 971-990-3109 Email: kchristoph@orccity.org
Address or Map and Tax Lot: 1211 Jackson St

1. Permits Required

Depending on the location of the trees proposed to be removed, additional permits are required. Please complete and attach the additional forms required.

Location of Tree(s) Proposed to be Removed:

☒ City-owned property or Urban Renewal owned property

In addition to this form, please complete and attach a [Type I Site Plan and Design Review Main Application](#), and [Addendum 4b for Tree Removal](#).

☐ Public Right-of-Way

In addition to this form, please complete and attach a [Street Tree Removal permit application form](#).

Staff Only

Have required permit applications been submitted?



Yes



No

2. Applicability of Public Tree Removal Policy

Please identify the number of trees being removed which meet the size requirements listed. If the trees being removed are smaller than the sizes listed in the table below, please continue to the Section 3 (Exemptions).

Tree Species	Size (D.B.H)*	# of Trees Being Removed
Oregon White Oak (<i>Quercus garryana</i>)	8"+	
Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	18"+	
Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja plicata</i>)	12"+	
Ponderosa Pine (<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>)	12"+	
Western Yew (<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>)	6"+	
Pacific Dogwood (<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>)	5"+	
Coastal Redwood (<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>)	12"+	
Giant Sequoia (<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>)	12"+	
Pacific Madrone (<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>)	5"+	
Other deciduous tree species	20"+	
Other evergreen trees	18"+	1

*D.B.H. = Diameter at Breast Height = 4.5 feet above ground.

3. Exemptions

Please identify if any of the following exemptions apply to the proposed tree removal.

- ☐ The trees are smaller than the minimum D.B.H. identified in the table above.
- ☐ The trees are within a habitat restoration area. Please note the habitat restoration project must have been approved by the Planning Division through the appropriate land use process.
- ☐ The trees are within or abutting water quality facilities.
- ☐ The trees are on the Oregon City Nuisance Plant List or otherwise classified as invasive or problem species in the region.
- ☐ The trees are imminent hazard trees. Imminent hazard trees, as defined in OCMC 17.04.1370 may be removed without notification before a permit is obtained due to the necessity to respond to the hazard and restore public safety as soon as possible. Examples include if the tree has fallen across the roadway or if it is leaning significantly due to a heavy windstorm and likely to fall within the next 72 hours, or when a tree is damaged by a vehicle collision. A determination of imminent hazard is made in the field by the City of Oregon City Public Works, or emergency personnel, a forester, or a certified arborist. **Permits shall be obtained after the imminent hazard has been removed and any applicable replacement requirements shall be followed.** The responding personnel shall provide details of the tree species, size and condition to the extent practicable. Photos and documentation of the hazardous conditions shall be provided with the permit application for tree removal to verify the tree was hazardous, but arborist reports are not required.

17.04.1370 - Tree, imminent hazard.

"Imminent hazard tree" means a hazardous tree as defined in OCMC 12.32.020, all or more than thirty percent of which has already fallen or is estimated to fall within seventy-two hours into the public right-of-way or onto a target that cannot be protected, restricted, moved, or removed.

If the proposed tree removal is exempt from the public tree removal policy in accordance with one of the exemptions above, you have completed the worksheet. If the proposed tree removal is not exempt, please proceed to Consideration of Alternatives to Tree Removal.

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Is the project exempt from the public tree removal policy?

Yes ☐No ☒Initial **MG**

If the project is not exempt, please continue the form.

4. Consideration of Alternatives to Tree Removal: Initial Documentation

The department requesting removal shall document the tree location, size, and species (if known), the reason for the proposed removal, and alternatives considered in a written justification memo. The memorandum must contain an analysis of alternatives to removal, which may include one or more of the following methods:

- Root pruning
- Canopy pruning
- Changing the location of existing or proposed structures and public utilities
- Other alternatives as applicable.

Following analysis of alternatives the memo shall include a recommended course of action, which takes into account the alternatives considered and whether the alternative is / is not feasible, and why.

Please attach the alternatives analysis in a separate memo or complete the following:

Tree Location (Include Map): 1211 Jackson St, on 12th street

Size: DBH 31.5" Est spread of 40' and height 40'

Species: Austrian Pine

Reason for Removal: Currently Deceased.

Alternatives to Removal and Rough Cost Estimate:

Alternative #1: _____

Alternative #2: _____

Alternative #3: _____

Conclusions/Recommended Course of Action: Tree removal and stump grinding by Mr Tree, \$2950.

Name of Staff who Completed Analysis: Jon Waverly

5. Consideration of Alternatives to Tree Removal: Third Party Review

The above will be reviewed by a department manager, who will send the memo to a third party (an arborist or a staff assessment team) for review. The department may choose to send the justification memo to either:

- Option #1: A Certified Arborist (Required for Trees over 40" D.B.H.)
- Option #2: Staff Assessment (A minimum of 2 Public Works/Parks staff members and 1 from Planning)

Please identify all of the third-party reviewers, who have reviewed the justification memo, and submit their written conclusions.

☐ Certified Arborist Name: _____ Certification #: _____

☒ Staff Assessment Team

Name Jon Waverly Department Parks and Recreation

Name Pete Walter Department Com Dev/Planning

Name Molly Gaughran Department Com Dev/Planning

Has the third-party reviewers' written conclusion memo been submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Have all required memos been submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No Initial MG

6. Public Notice

The following public notices are required and will be prepared by Planning staff:

- Physical Notice

A physical notice is required to be posted on the tree proposed for removal for a minimum of 14 calendar days. This period is intended to provide an opportunity for the public to contact the applicant with questions and comments about the proposed tree removal. Notices shall be provided by the Planning Division on 8.5 X 11 laminated paper with the words "NOTICE OF PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL" in bold, 48-point font and the website where the public may download the permits, arborist reports and associated documentation. Notices shall be tied to the tree with twine or wire. No screws or nails shall be used. The notice will be created by the Planning Division, but will be placed and monitored by the department proposing removal.

- Email Transmittal

Staff will send email transmittal to affected departments and agencies requesting comment on the proposed tree removal.

- City Manager Review

If there remain unresolved questions or concerns regarding the proposed tree removal after the public notice, the removal shall be referred to the City Manager for further review. The City Manager may decide to move forward with the tree removal or cease the tree removal process.

Staff Only	
Date Notice Posted on Website:	<u>3/22/2023</u>
Affidavit Submitted:	☒ Yes ☐ No
Email Transmittal Sent Out:	☒ Yes ☐ No
Comment Period Deadline:	<u>4/6/2023</u>
City Manager Review Required?	☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Additional Requirements

Reuse/Repurposing of Wood

Trees proposed for removal which are subject to this policy, free from infestation, and 25 inches D.B.H. or greater, shall be repurposed for use by the City and/or public if feasible. Depending on the quality of the wood, it may be utilized for environmental enhancement, furniture or crafts. The Natural Resources Committee recommends that in natural areas and next to streams, leaving large woody debris in place may help to improve fish and wildlife habitat, and that the use of wood for firewood should be allowed only if the wood cannot be repurposed any other way (e.g. cottonwood).

Does the proposed tree removal include removal of trees greater than 25 inches DBH which are free from infestation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is reuse/repurposing of wood proposed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain how the wood would be reused or repurposed: _____
 Portions of trunk have been requested by community members for artwork.

Staff Only	
Reuse of Wood Approved?	☒ Yes ☐ No Initial <u>MG</u>

City Commission Hearing

Trees greater than 40" D.B.H. shall be placed on a City Commission consent agenda and notification will be sent to the Natural Resources Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and the Transportation Advisory Committee. The City Commission may decide to move forward with the tree removal or cease the tree removal process.

Does the proposed tree removal include removal of trees greater than 40 inches DBH? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Staff Only	
City Commission hearing required?	☐ Yes ☒ No Initial <u>MG</u>

Large Tree Mitigation

Trees proposed for removal that are 50 inches or greater D.B.H. shall be mitigated with tree plantings within the city limits. No fee-in-lieu is allowed.

Does the proposed tree removal include removal of trees greater than 50 inches DBH? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are all mitigation trees proposed to be planted within city limits? Yes ☐ No

Is fee-in-lieu of planting mitigation trees proposed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Staff Only		
Approved?	☒ Yes	☐ No Initial MG



Type I Site Plan and Design Review Addendum 4b: Landscaping – Tree Removal

Changes to landscaping must be in compliance with Oregon City Municipal Code Section 17.62.050.A.1, 17.62.050.A.9 and 17.52.060.

USE THIS ADDENDUM ONLY IF TREE REMOVAL IS PROPOSED, FOR ALL OTHER LANDSCAPING CHANGES PLEASE USE ADDENDUM 4a.

On-Site Tree Removal

Tree removal must be in compliance with Oregon City Municipal Code Section 17.41.060.

Does the proposal include removal of on-site trees? If so, please complete this section. If not, please proceed to the next section.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please note, onsite trees do not include required parking lot trees. If required parking lot trees are proposed to be removed, please complete Addendum 4a.

Describe the proposed tree removal, including size, species, and reason for removal.

AUSTRIAN PINE, SPREAD 40' - HEIGHT 40'
DBH 31.5" - TREE IS DEAD.

Is mitigation (replanting) required?

☐ Yes

☐ No, the tree is an invasive species: _____

☐ No, the tree is dead, diseased, dying, or hazardous and I have an arborist letter

☒ No, the tree is dead, diseased, dying, or hazardous and the condition of the tree can be verified by staff (attach photos)

If mitigation is required, please identify the option for tree mitigation:

- ☐ Replacement - All replacement trees shall be protected by a permanent restrictive covenant or easement approved in form by the city.

Size of tree removed (DBH*)	Number of Trees Proposed to be Removed	# of Trees Replanted for Each Tree Removed <i>If removed tree is within construction area</i>	# of Trees Replanted for Each Tree Removed <i>If removed tree is outside of construction area</i>	Number of Mitigation Trees Required
6 to 12"		1	3	
13 to 18"		2	6	

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19 to 24"		3	9	
25 to 30"		4	12	
31 and over"		5	15	

Total Mitigation Trees Required _____

*DBH means inches of trunk diameter, measured at 4 ½ feet above ground level.

Size. The mitigation trees shall be a minimum of 2" in caliper or a 6' conifer.

Size Proposed: _____

Species. The species shall be listed on the City's Native Tree List, Street Tree List or approved by a certified arborist.

☐ OC Native Tree List☐ OC Street Tree List☐ Approved by a certified arborist

Species Proposed*: _____

*Removal of white oak species requires replacement with the same species.

☐ Cash in Lieu.

Number of Trees Proposed to Use the Cash in Lieu: _____

_____ x fee-in-lieu: _____ = _____ Total Amount Due

Attach a tree mitigation plan showing the proposed location of mitigation trees, species, and proposed planting date.

Mitigation plans must be prepared by a certified arborist, horticulturalist, forester, or other environmental professional, though tree inventories for the purposes of mitigation calculations may be prepared by a licensed surveyor. Please provide the information of the qualified professional who completed the tree mitigation plan.

Name _____ Company _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

☐ Certified Arborist☐ Horticulturalist☐ Forester☐ Other Environmental Professional _____

Certification Number (if applicable) _____

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Standards met?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☒ Not Applicable
			Initial MG

Molly Gaughran

From:

Pete Walter

Sent:

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 4:05 PM

To:

Molly Gaughran; Jonathan Waverly

Subject:

RE: TREE-23-00015 Tree Removal for OC Swimming Pool Staff Assessment

The Austrian Pine tree appears to be fully dead with the remaining foliage dry and brown. Even from a distance in this photo, the bark can be seen sloughing at the base of the tree, indicating that the cambium of the tree is no longer alive and capable of transporting water and nutrients. The tree clearly has a double leader with included bark at the crotch at approximately 6-8 feet from the ground, which is an obvious potential failure point. It is unclear whether there is internal decay based on the photo, however it is very likely that there is a fungal infection as well.

Pete Walter, Planning Manager
Certified Arborist PN-9393A

From:

Molly Gaughran <mgaughran@orcity.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 12:59 PM

To:

Pete Walter <pwalter@orcity.org>; Molly Gaughran <mgaughran@orcity.org>; Jonathan Waverly <jwaverly@orcity.org>

Subject:

TREE-23-00015 Tree Removal for OC Swimming Pool Staff Assessment

Hi all,

Please send your written staff assessment comments regarding the following memo for the proposed OC Swimming Pool evergreen tree removal:

Currently Deceased Austrian Pine, spread of 40-feet, height of 40-feet, and DBH of 31.5-inches.



Molly Gaughran

From: Jonathan Waverly
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 3:23 PM
To: Molly Gaughran; Pete Walter
Subject: RE: TREE-23-00015 Tree Removal for OC Swimming Pool Staff Assessment

Staff Report
3/22/2023
Oregon City Swimming Pool-Austrian Pine
1211 Jackson St.

I can confirm that the tree is indeed dead and that there are no other options but removal for safety reasons and proximity to the building and wading pool.

Jonathan Waverly-Parks and Cemetery Maintenance Manager

Please let me know if there are any other additional questions.

From: Molly Gaughran <mgaughran@orcity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 12:59 PM
To: Pete Walter <pwalter@orcity.org>; Molly Gaughran <mgaughran@orcity.org>; Jonathan Waverly <jwaverly@orcity.org>
Subject: TREE-23-00015 Tree Removal for OC Swimming Pool Staff Assessment

Hi all,

Please send your written staff assessment comments regarding the following memo for the proposed OC Swimming Pool evergreen tree removal:

Currently Deceased Austrian Pine, spread of 40-feet, height of 40-feet, and DBH of 31.5-inches.



City-Initiated Tree Removal: 1211 Jackson St

Staff Assessment of Memo

The photographic evidence shows that the foliage and bark are in a poor state and appears to validate that the Austrian Pine is dead with little to no chance of recovery. Furthermore, due to the proximity to the building, I agree that alternatives to tree removal are not recommended.

Molly Gaughran
Oregon City Planning Division





















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Meeting Minutes - Draft Natural Resources Committee

Monday, January 13, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

Chair Broshot called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 7 - Chair Nancy Broshot, Committee Member Chris Weaver, Committee Member Carrie Young, Committee Member Mike Hamilton, Committee Member Brian Kvisler, Committee Member Samantha Wolf, and Committee Member Devon Pilney

Staffers: 1 - Senior Planner Pete Walter

2. Election of NRC Chair and Vice Chair

There was consensus to nominate Nancy Broshot for Chair and Mike Hamilton for Vice Chair.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

5. Old Business: Thimble Creek Heritage Tree Selection

Mr. Walter said no decision was needed on this item tonight. The City Commission supported the NRC to continue to work with the property owners to designate heritage trees/groves within the Thimble Creek Concept Plan area. He gave a background on the work to identify and protect eligible trees and potential heritage tree/grove designations.

Chair Broshot discussed site visits she had made with former Committee Member Warness and current Committee Member Hamilton. She explained the areas that were

already protected and the large trees outside of those areas that could be designated. She then showed pictures of the trees. The property owners were interested in designation.

There was discussion regarding future development, protection of the trees, and process for designation.

6. New Business: Review and Update of the NRC Workplan for Biennium 2021-2023

Mr. Walter reviewed the proposed NRC Workplan items. He explained how the activities related to the NRC's responsibilities and City Commission goals. He asked for feedback on the Workplan.

There was consensus for the NRC to look at the list and discuss it at the next meeting.

Opportunity for Natural Resources Committee Input on City Commission Goals and/or Budget (7/1/2021-6/30/2023)

Mr. Walter said the purpose of this discussion was to identify if the NRC would like to provide written suggested goals and/or budget requests for City Commission consideration for the 2021-2023 biennium. He discussed possible projects that could be forwarded.

There was discussion regarding conducting a street tree inventory and how knowing the number of trees helped with the TMDL report.

The NRC would look at staff's recommendations and discuss them at the next meeting.

7. Communications

Mr. Walter reported on OC2040, amending the design standards for right-of-way improvements, revising the Historic Review Board guidelines, and reviewing the annexation code. The new notification process for tree removals on City-owned land was now in place.

There was discussion regarding SDCs and opportunities to do a tree inventory.

Committee Member Wolf reported on the state creating an Arbor Month in April, Urban and Community Forestry awards, and Oregon Heritage Tree Hero awards.

8. Future Agenda Items

Staff and the Committee discussed future agenda items.

9. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.