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Meeting Minutes Natural Resources Committee

Monday, September 8, 2021

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

Chair Broshot called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: 6 - Chair Nancy Broshot, , Committee Member Carrie Young, Committee Member Brian Kvistler, Committee Member Mike Hamilton, Committee Member Chris Weaver, and Committee Member Samantha Wolf

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Devon Pilney

Staffers: 1 – Senior Planner Christina Robertson Gardiner

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Presentations: Community Tree Plotter Inventory Project Presentation by Kristin Ramstad, Manager, Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program, Oregon Department of Forestry

Kristin Ramstad, Oregon Department of Forestry, presented on Tree Plotter, a tree inventory computer program. She explained how to enter data into the program and map trees, uses for the information, and EAB cost calculator tool.

There was discussion regarding options for collecting the data, training the data collectors and managing the data, sample inventories to determine the number of a certain species, how the data would be used, sharing information with the public, offline capability, what other cities did, who would be trained, who would coordinate, and who would maintain the database once it was created, and hiring a City Forester.

This would be on the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Old Business: Street Tree List Update

Committee Member Wolf discussed the updated street tree list. For very small sites, the recommendation was to plant a shrub instead of a tree. She also thought they should require developers to plant trees that had appropriate root size for the planter. They could put the Maples back on the list that she had put on hiatus. She did not think they were missing anything. They could explore more shrub options for the small sites. Shrubs would need more pruning.

This would also be brought back to the next meeting and more shrubs could be added. Committee Member Weaver would make a list of recommended shrubs.

8. Communications

Chair Broshot was working on updating the nuisance plant list and was finding it difficult due to changes to the plants' scientific names. She wanted to talk to Laura Terway, Community Development Director, to see how much change they wanted to do. It was suggested to get help from the Parks Department as well.

9. Future Agenda Items

There was discussion regarding future agenda items.

The NRC discussed questions from the City Commission. One was the street tree list that the NRC was working on and the other was about the planting diagram. Committee Member Wolf recommended coordinating with Friends of Trees regarding trees and planting sites.

10. Adjournment

Chair Broshot adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.