



City of Woodinville, Washington

TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2014

Woodinville City Hall City Council Chambers, 17301 133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA

<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p>	<p>The regular meeting for the Woodinville Tree Board was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Tom Quigley.</p>
<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p><u>Tree Board Present:</u> Chair Tom Quigley, Board Member Michael Munniks, and Board Member Steve Yabroff</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Board Member Manickam</p> <p><u>City Staff Present:</u> Sarah Ruether, Planner, and Sandy Guinn, Sr. Administrative Assistant</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to excuse Board Member Manickam Motion by: Board Member Yabroff Second by: Board Member Munniks Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 3 - 0 Vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: None Abstain: None</p>
<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT</u></p>	<p>Chair Quigley noted there was a consensus to make no changes.</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p>	<p>Councilmember Paula Waters introduced Ron Smith to the Tree Board members, as Mr. Smith has expressed an interest in applying for the vacant Tree Board position.</p>
<p><u>BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS</u></p>	
<p><i>Approval of November 27, 2013, Regular Tree Board Minutes</i></p>	<p>1. <u>Approval of November 27, 2013 Tree Board Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>Tree Board approved the regular meeting minutes of November 27, 2013, with the correction of the spelling of staff's name from "Sand" to "Sandy".</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 27, 2013, as amended.</p>

	<p>Motion by: Board Member Munniks Second by: Board Member Yabroff Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 3 - 0 Vote: Ayes: 3. Nays: None. Abstain: None.</p>
<p><i>Review of 2013 Proposed Changes to Tree Regulations Recommendations</i></p>	<p><u>2. Review of 2013 Proposed Changes to Tree Regulations Recommendations</u></p> <p>Planner Sarah Ruether provided a summary of the recommended proposed changes to the current tree regulations to simplify and remove onerous requirements from the current tree permit removal code. The summary included additional exemptions/change to Arborist requirements; change to threshold to require a permit for tree removal/applicability; new system for tree credits-simplify tree credit system and create a tiered approach; exemptions for tree planting on site due to infestation or disease; use of landscaping code for commercial and industrial properties and removing tree code requirements for commercial zoned properties and multi-family; and modification of tree removal requirements in critical areas and native growth protection areas.</p> <p>Board members discussed the threshold to require a permit for tree removal and whether 12" is appropriate. Board Member Munniks asked what the estimated age of a tree is with a 12" diameter at-breast-height. Chair Quigley estimated 15 years or more. There was discussion regarding what type of species of trees are desired, that there is no species differentiation referenced in the code, and applying a larger diameter at-breast-height to a spruce or evergreen would be more desirable than to an alder. Board members came to a consensus to reduce the proposed threshold diameter requirement to 9" at-breast-height, instead of 12".</p> <p>Board members discussed the benefits of the tree canopy. Board member Yabroff expressed some of the benefits include helping to cool the streams (important for salmon to have cool water) and to provide a cleaner run off. It was expressed by board members that the City should promote the benefits of tree canopy to citizens and that the tree regulations help preserve the tree canopy that provides the environment the citizens desire and wildlife need.</p> <p>There was consensus for the following changes to the draft Tree Density Credits chart (Attachment B to staff report):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Tip: Trees are measured at 4.5 inches feet off the ground for diameter which is 2 pie-half the circumference of the tree; extra small trees are measured at the base of the tree 6" above ground. 2. Round off the numbers; 2.18 to 2; 11.25 to 11. <p>Board member Munniks asked if the City still allows the heritage tree nominations, as he has a 30-year old broadleaf maple he would like to</p>

	<p>nominate. Ms. Ruether advised that the nomination of heritage trees is active and would forward a nomination form to Tree Board member Munniks.</p> <p>At 6:30 p.m., Board member Yabroff moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes and Board member Munniks seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.</p>
<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	None
<u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>	None
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	<p>Chair Quigley called the meeting adjourned.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Guinn