



City of Woodinville, Washington

TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF May 28, 2014

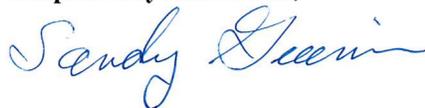
Woodinville City Hall City Council Chambers, 17301 133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	The regular meeting for the Woodinville Tree Board was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Quigley.
<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<p><u>Tree Board Present:</u> Tom Quigley, Ron Smith (arrived at 6:00 p.m.), Steve Yabroff, and Stephanie Young</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Michael Munniks</p> <p><u>City Staff Present:</u> Erin Martindale, Sr. Planner, and Sandy Guinn, Sr. Administrative Assistant</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to excuse Board Member Michael Munniks Motion by: Board Member Steve Yabroff Second by: Board Member Stephanie Young Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 4 – 0 Vote: Ayes: Chair Tom Quigley, Board Member Ron Smith, Board Member Steve Yabroff, and Board Member Stephanie Young Nayes: None. Abstain: None.</p> <p>Newest Board Members Smith and Young were warmly welcomed to the Tree Board; and, they provided their backgrounds and why they chose to serve on the Tree Board.</p>
<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT</u>	Chair Quigley noted there was a consensus to approve the agenda in content and order with delayed motion to excuse absent Board Members until later in agenda.
<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	None
<u>BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>	
<i>Approval of 4/23/14 Regular Tree Board Minutes</i>	<p>1. <u>Approval of 4/23/14 Tree Board Meeting Minutes</u> as presented.</p> <p>Tree Board approved the regular meeting minutes of 4/23/14, as presented.</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/23/14, as presented. Motion by: Board Member Steve Yabroff Second by: Board Member Stephanie Young Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 3 - 0 Vote: Ayes: Chair Tom Quigley, Board Members Steve</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Yabroff and Stephanie Smith</p> <p>Nayes: None.</p> <p>Abstain: None.</p>
<p><i>Discussion and Review: Landscaping regulations</i></p>	<p><u>2. Discussion and Review of Landscaping Regulations</u></p> <p>Sr. Planner Erin Martindale explained that the Tree Board is reviewing/making proposed changes to the Tree Code in Chapter 21.15, which is on the Tree Board’s 2014 Work Plan. She commented that the review of WMC Chapter 21.16 is, also, on the Tree Board’s 2014 Work Plan, including removing the tree code requirements from properties located in the commercial and multi-family zones. Ms. Martindale provided a summary of WMC Section 21.16.030 Land use grouping through Section 21.16.125 Tree preservation exemptions.</p> <p>Board Member Yabroff questioned the 25 percent of the assessed value in WMC Section 21.16.020 and does the City really want to require this. Ms. Martindale advised that our Nonconformance section uses the 50% threshold. Ms. Martindale stated that the landscaping requirements start with a determination of the type of use in the Permitted Use Table, then reviewing WMC Section 21.16.030. An example of an issue with this approach is that medical office use does not have the same requirements as a non-medical office development. Board members questioned why the City landscapes by uses and not zones? Sr. Planner Martindale advised that other cities landscape by zone and not by uses. Ms. Martindale stated she would bring back to the Tree Board a proposed landscaping code by zone.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding 20’ landscaping screen vs. landscaping on building itself, green roofs, vertical gardens, how new landscaping code must pass the visual test and meet the intent of the purpose statement, providing staff the flexibility to make smart choices specific to a project and the ability to alter from strict enforcement of landscaping code, why the difference in required landscaping at 20 square feet per parking stall when 10 to 30 parking stalls are provided, and 25 square feet per parking stall when 31 or more parking stalls are provided.</p> <p>Chair Quigley asked what are the issues developers are having. Ms. Martindale advised the difficulty for developers is having to look at proposed use (commercial or medical?) and the lack of flexibility. She suggested looking at neighboring city codes and review for how we can improve their code to work for City of Woodinville.</p> <p>Chair Quigley commented that the code is hard to grasp and recommended board members make notes for next meeting. Board members recommended a Tree Board tour of examples of good/healthy landscaping and problem landscaping with explanations as to what makes the landscaping good/bad and what we need in code revisions to achieve good/healthy landscaping.</p>
<p><i>Discussion and Review: Plant Species List</i></p>	<p><u>3. Discussion and review of Woodinville Plant Species List</u></p> <p>Ms. Martindale provided a summary of the Woodinville Plant Species List. She said the list was created in Year 2000 and is referenced several</p>

	<p>times in the tree regulations and was intended to be updated when the tree regulations were adopted in Year 2008, but was not. In particular, the tree code references that the list provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canopy size (this may not be needed with the new code provisions). 2. Minimum planting areas for each species. 3. Acceptable native species for replanting (or with the proposed code, non-native species). 4. Five-year growth rates (this may not be needed with the new code provisions). 5. Prohibited plants. 6. Plants that should not be planted near improvements such as roads, sidewalks, overhead and underground utilities, foundations. 7. Anticipated mature height, for conflicts with overhead utilities. <p>Also, the existing tree code references multipliers, which will be removed in the new code.</p> <p>Sr. Planner Martindale commented that other agencies produce lists that provide a better visual representation of preferred species (Seattle Public Utilities and City of Kirkland) and she often sends applicants to City of Kirkland's list.</p> <p>Ms. Martindale commented that the City is creating a proposed plan for street trees for the downtown area.</p> <p>Board Member Yabroff said he would like for the Tree Board to educate citizens on the value of the tree canopy from a big picture stand point, especially the value of the R-1 tree canopy areas that help to keep the streams cooler for salmon. Board Member Young said environmental groups have explored putting dollars to environmental values.</p>
<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	No second public comment.
<u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>	None
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	Seeing no further business, Chair Quigley called the meeting adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Guinn
Sr. Administrative Assistant