



City of Woodinville, Washington

TREE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF November 12, 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 5:32 p.m. by Chair Quigley.</p>
<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p><u>Tree Board Present:</u> Tom Quigley, Stephanie Young, Steve Yabroff, and Ron Smith</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Michael Munniks</p> <p><u>City Staff Present:</u> Jenny Ngo, Senior Planner</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to excuse Board Member There was a motion to excuse Board member Munniks from the meeting.</p> <p>Motion by: Board Member Young</p> <p>Second by: Board Member Yabroff</p> <p>Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 4 - 0</p> <p>Vote: Ayes: 4.</p> <p>Nays: 0.</p> <p>Abstain: 0.</p>
<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT</u></p>	<p>Agenda item 3 added to discuss the topic of arborist review for tree removal in existing groves. Motion to approve agenda with additional item 3 passed.</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><u>BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS</u></p> <p><i>Approval of 9/24/14 Regular Tree Board Minutes as presented</i></p>	<p>1a. <u>Approval of September 24, 2014 Tree Board Meeting Minutes as presented.</u></p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 24, 2014, as presented.</p> <p>Motion by: Board Member Yabroff</p> <p>Second by: Board Member Young</p> <p>Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 4 - 0</p> <p>Vote: Ayes: 4.</p> <p>Nays: 0.</p> <p>Abstain: 0.</p>

Approval of 6/25/14 Regular Tree Board Minute as presented

1b. Approval of June 25, 2014 Tree Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

MAIN MOTION: to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/25/14, as presented.

Motion by: Board Member Yabroff

Second by: Board Member Young

Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 4 - 0

Vote: Ayes: 4.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: 0.

Discussion and Review of Draft Tree Code

2. Discussion & Review of Draft Tree Code

The Tree Board discussed the draft of the tree code from WMC 21.15.010 through WMC 21.15.080. Jenny Ngo provided a summary of major changes to the tree code, including changes to overall organization, language revisions and omissions, general intent and structure of the proposed draft.

Tree Board Members discussed the purpose and intent of the tree code. Board Members noted that they were unfamiliar with how the City's goal of 40 percent tree canopy was developed. Board Members requested information on how the goal was developed and on the results of a prior tree canopy study completed by UW. Board Members emphasized the importance of ensuring that the goal is realistic and supported by data.

Some Board Members stated concerns with overplanting based on the tree density requirements. Sites without enough tree credits may encourage property owners to plant more trees closely together in lieu of payment to the Tree Fund. The trees, once mature, may obstruct sunlight or become nuisances. Board Members discussed including a provision that permits tree removal or pruning once the trees are mature in these instances.

Tree Board Members emphasized creating a code that is simple for property owners to use and for staff to implement. Board Members stated that the code was heading towards the right direction but would like to see further simplification where possible.

Board Members stated that they had some difficulty determining if tree density requirements were appropriate for specific zones without evaluating the density and dimensional requirements required by the zoning code. The Tree Board directed staff to provide different scenarios of tree credits based on zoning code requirements, such as impervious surface and setbacks.

Steve Yabroff and Board Members discussed how to address tree removal in existing tree groves and mature landscape. Board Member Yabroff stated that the Tree Board should consider language requiring a certified arborist to inspect and evaluate viability of trees once a grove is removed or impacted by construction. One example mentioned is the Woodinville-Duvall Road project, where trees within groves were removed in the right-of-way and on private property for the widening project. Board Members

	<p>expressed concerns regarding the vulnerability of these tree groves once a portion of the trees is removed. Board Members directed staff to develop potential code language options for addressing whole or partial removal of tree groves within the draft code.</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: To extend the meeting 15 minutes to finish discussion of the draft tree code.</p> <p>Motion by: Board Member Yabroff</p> <p>Second by: Board Member Young</p> <p>Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 4 - 0</p> <p>Vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 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
Sr. Administrative Assistant