



City of Woodinville, Washington

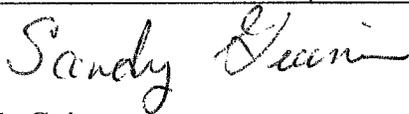
TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2013

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 5:30 p.m. by Chair Quigley.</p>
<p><u>ROLL CALL</u></p>	<p><u>Tree Board Present:</u> Chair Quigley, Board Member Waters, and Board Member Yabroff.</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Board Member Manickam and Board Member Munniks.</p> <p><u>City Staff Present:</u> David Kuhl, Development Services Director, and Sandy Guinn, Sr. Administrative Assistant</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to excuse Board Members Manickam and Munniks.</p> <p>Motion by: Board Member Waters</p> <p>Second by: Board Member Yabroff</p> <p>Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 3 - 0</p> <p>Vote: Ayes: Chair Quigley and Board Members Waters and Yabroff</p> <p>Nayes: None.</p> <p>Abstain: None.</p>
<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT</u></p>	<p>Chair Quigley noted there was concensus to make no changes</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p>	<p>Eli Kunzmann commented that the City would be well served to run our platform on ARC GIS and to enter tree information, including areas of known diseased trees (e.g. caused by Armillaria). The general public should have access to the information in ARC GIS. Mr. Kunzmann offered a 30 minute tour to the Tree Board Members, where he would identify the the root rot centers (Armillaria), which grow in concentric circles. He advised there is no benefit to what the City is presently doing.</p> <p>Mr. Kunzman expressed many citizens are not complying with the tree regulations, as they are complex and costly to the citizen. He estimated it could cost an extra \$1,000 to his client for a \$600 job, due to the added time of obtaining a permit for his client and the cost of a certified arborist report. Removing 2 trees per year does not work for any of his clients.</p> <p>Mr. Kunzmann recommended a change to code so that the 2 trees per year that could be removed without a permit be allowed to accrue over five years (if no trees are removed). He suggested that the regulations meet the citizens half way; otherwise, there may be a backlash from citizens and the 40% may not be achieved. He, also, recommended that the City (1) hire someone to see where the disease centers are, (2) provide citizens</p>

	<p>with a list of trees that do not require permits for tree removal (e.g. alder if diseased, cottonwood, and willow), (3) trees greater than 36” and less than 12” be removed without counting towards tree credits as long as leave retained as habitat snag for 5 or 10 years. With these recommendations in place, make the penalties more stiff.</p> <p>Director Kuhl advised that if trees are removed without a permit the code requires the citizen would need to either replace trees according to code or contribute to the tree fund. He further added that we require an Arborist report to identify dangerous or diseased trees when trees are taken down without a permit.</p>
<p><u>BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS</u></p>	
<p><i>Approval of April 17, 2013 Special Tree Board Minutes</i></p>	<p><u>1. Approval of April 17, 2013 Special Tree Board Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>Tree Board approved the special meeting minutes of April 17, 2013, as presented.</p> <p>MAIN MOTION: to approve the special meeting minutes of April 17, 2013, as presented.</p> <p>Motion by: Board Member Waters Second by: Board Member Yabroff Action for the Main Motion: PASSED 3 - 0 Vote: Ayes: Chair Quigley and Board Members Waters and Yabroff Nayes: None. Abstain: None.</p>
<p><i>Discussion and Review of Tree Regulations and Proposed Recommendations</i></p>	<p><u>2. Discussion & Review of Tree Regulations and Proposed Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Tree Board discussed the 40% tree canopy coverage, if the City was achieving this goal, why the canopy is beneficial, if the quality of the tree canopy should be considered, if the City should develop new tree credit standards, the complexity of the tree regulations and the lack of compliance from citizens if regulations are too onerous. Chair Quigley expressed tree removal is site specific, as each site is different, and exceptions should be granted with a certified arborist’s report.</p> <p>Board members felt that the Board should focus on regulations that accomplish the 40% coverage and wanted to know if the City was meeting this goal. Director Kuhl suggested that for future work the landscaping code could be used to require 15% of a commercial or industrial site to be landscaped and tree credits and formulas would not be needed on these types of sites.</p> <p>Also, discussed were some of the benefits that the trees provide, including clean, cool water (which benefits salmon), wildlife corridors, and quality</p>

	<p>of life. Having a Tree Board is one of the requirements for Woodinville's designation as Tree City USA.</p> <p>There was consensus to modify the proposed tree credits required under the DRAFT Tree Removal Tiered System as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="542 327 1122 426"> <tr> <td>Size of Lot:</td> <td>Current Code:</td> <td>Proposed:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10,001-20,000</td> <td>60</td> <td>45 40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20,001-30,000</td> <td>60</td> <td>60 50</td> </tr> </table> <p>Staff was requested to bring back for the next Tree Board meeting:</p> <ol data-bbox="591 495 1390 730" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the genesis/rational for the 40% tree canopy? 2. In the long term, do our regulations adequately implement the 40% tree canopy coverage or will the City end with less or more than 40% tree canopy coverage? 3. Ideas on how to simplify landscaping requirements 4. Path for homeowners 5. Tree removal in a NGPE area – are there special requirements? 	Size of Lot:	Current Code:	Proposed:	10,001-20,000	60	45 40	20,001-30,000	60	60 50
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<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	Eli Kunzmann – See above									
<u>DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>	None.									
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	<p>Chair Quigley called the meeting adjourned.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.</p>									



Sandy Guinn
Sr. Administrative Assistant