

Oregon Tree Commission
Board Meeting
March 9, 2022

Attendees: Terry Plemmons, Ken Williams, Kayse Rushford, Rachel Brunner, Tyler Hagemann, Grant Afflerbaugh, [Darin DeHaan](#)

Darin called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and Mayor Williams spoke briefly about a community survey that was conducted in 2016 regarding the reasons why people moved to or stayed living in Oregon. Appreciation for the community was the primary response. Mayor Williams stated that he was thankful for community members who were willing to participate in community government.

Darin began the official discussion of the tree commission by noting that we received a grant from the Morton Arboretum and as a contingency of that grant, Oregon needed to form a tree commission. As part of the tree commission, we would have a variety of tasks to complete and maintain. He noted that our last tree inventory was in the 1980s, and with the grant funding (combined with some city funds) we would be able to complete a new inventory. That inventory is slated to begin in the upcoming months and will give us information about both the tree species and the health and status of all the trees in the city of Oregon.

In addition to completing a tree survey, the goal of the commissions would be to review ordinances and make recommendations to the city council, to host Arbor Day events, and to try and achieve Tree City USA status.

The group voted and Mark Herman was elected to be Chair of the Tree Commission, with Rachel Brunner serving as secretary. Voice vote was unanimous.

The commission determined that they would meet 6 times per year and would begin their work by reviewing model ordinances from both Tree City USA and CRTI Tree Preservation. Darin stated that he would send us the models to review prior to our next meeting.

Kayse shared some about Arbor Day that she had collected, and Darin said he would review that information to see if there was anything we wished to incorporate into our planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, Apr 6, 2022 at 2:30pm at City Hall.

Mark Herman, Chairman

Attest: _____
Rachel Brunner, Secretary