



Our Mission: *To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.*

**City of Oregon
Tree Board Agenda
Wednesday December 6th @ 5:00 p.m.
115 N 3rd Street**

City Hall Conference Room

Public Comment

1. Approve June 22, 2022, Minutes
2. Update on Tree USA Application
3. Discuss Arbor Day Event Ideas.
4. Discuss Tree Planting Strategies for 2024
5. Other Business

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**Chairperson: Mark Herman
Secretary: Rachel Brunner
Grant Afflerbaugh**

**Tyler Hagemann
Kayse Rushford
Darin DeHaan, City Administrator (Ex-officio)
Bill Covell, Dir. Of Public Works (Ex-officio)**

Oregon Tree Commission
Board Meeting
Jun 22, 2022

Attendees: Kayse Rushford, Rachel Brunner, Tyler Hagemann, Grant Afflerbaugh, [Darin DeHaan](#), Mark Herman

No public comment

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Mark. Kayse voted to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes and Tyler seconded.

The committee reviewed Terry Plemmons' comments on the ordinance and made some additional changes. Darin needs to address section 1.17 Cash bonds and update 1.14 Tree Board once council has officially approved the Board. Once those changes have been made, a clean copy will be sent to the Morton arboretum for their review as a required task for the grant completion.

The tree survey, which is also needed for the grant will begin Jun 23, 2022 and should take approximately a month to complete. Once the ordinance is approved by Morton and the tree inventory is complete, we will receive the grant funds and can begin working on next steps, including tree replacement programs, updating the tree planting guidelines, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Next meeting is TBD.

Mark Herman, Chairman

Attest: _____

STANDARDS

1. Tree Board or Department
2. Tree Care Ordinance
3. Community Forestry Program
With Annual Budget of at Least
\$2 Per Capita
4. Arbor Day Observance
and Proclamation



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STANDARDS

1. Tree Board or Department

- May be a professional forester/arborist, an entire forestry department or a tree board
- Group of volunteer citizens charged by ordinance with developing and administering a tree management program
- Legally responsible for the management of the community's trees

STANDARDS

2. Tree Care Ordinance

- Establishes a tree board and gives it responsibilities
- Guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees on public property
- Provides an opportunity to set good policy that is legally enforceable



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STANDARDS

3. Community Forestry Program With Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

- Percentage of city workers' salaries spent on tree care
- Tree planting/watering/fertilizing
- Equipment rental/purchase/maintenance
- Arbor Day expenses
- Tree care conferences, workshops, memberships
- Value of volunteer labor

STANDARDS

4. Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Opportunity to inform and engage the broader community through:

- Tree Planting
- Awards Ceremony
- Education



STANDARDS

Steps to become a Tree City USA

- Meet the Four Standards
- Complete and upload application documents each year by December 31 - *No Fee!*
- Apply at **arborday.org/TreeCityUSA**



Summary

- Value
- Program
- Benefits
- Standards



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Purpose through Process

Trees...

Worth Our Time. Worth Our Resources.

“A town is saved, not more by the righteous men in it than by the woods...that surround it.”

-Henry David Thoreau