

Colville City Tree Board (TB), January 25, 2018

Next meeting Thursday, February 22, 4pm, Colville City Hall

Present: Tree Board Members Larry Cressey, Eleanor Mattice, Steve Pietroburgo, Dean Fischer, Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker); City Councilwoman Anne Lawson.

Item	Discussion or Status	ACTION
New Tree Ordinance	<p>Lawson: the Tree Board establishment ordinances, #1209 & 1211, do not include officers, quorum, or prescribing meetings. The City Clerk provided a draft ordinance, which includes them.</p> <p>At the Dec. 2017 Tree Board meeting, Fischer suggested this as the mission of the Tree Board: "Trees are a symbol of Washington State and the Great Northwest - signifying strength, power and abundance. Trees provide numerous human physiological and psychological health benefits, offer soil stability, afford habitat for animals, bestow beauty, quiet and freshness to our environment, and enhance the urban setting. In this regard, the City of Colville Tree Board will promote the care, maintenance and conservation of trees. The Tree Board will advise the city on tree management on the grounds of city parks and right of ways and will encourage private landowners to manage their trees for safety, beauty, and the public welfare. The Tree Board will encourage the planting of new trees while preserving historic, heritage trees throughout the city through education, programs and joint projects. The Tree Board wishes to support an environment that encourages a sense of community and pride. The Colville community consists of the people that live, work, and visit Colville and wish to share in its opportunities and distinctive characteristics."</p> <p>Cressey motioned and Pietroburgo seconded, unanimously passed to support the draft ordinance, but replace the "Purpose" statement with the "Mission" statement above.</p>	Fischer will work with the Clerk's Office.
2018 Officers	Mattice moved to have Fischer as Chairperson, Ahlenslager seconded. Cressey moved to have Ahlenslager as Secretary, Mattice seconded. Both unanimously passed.	
Arborist Insurance	Mattice: does the city require insurance of arborists that work in city? Lawson: no, we should promote using responsible arborists.	
Green Streets Grant Proposal	Lawson will submit a \$9,000 grant proposal that will address street tree issues, contract an urban forester to assess the health of downtown street trees and write a street tree master plan. We should know by the end of Feb. Lawson suggested walking downtown and asking business owners three questions: Are you okay with your tree? If your tree is replaced, what species would. Would you water your replacement tree for two years.	
Tree Planting Proposal	Fischer reported that Brandon Hull has not found funding to buy six trees to plant trees at Mobile Ranch Estates near the south round-about. Daniels Nursery has three species at \$90/tree and under 200 pounds. Hull has volunteers to plant trees. We suggested that Hull ask the landowner, local professional foresters and Rotary for funding.	Fischer: status update at Feb. Meeting
Annual Plan	From Dec. 2017 meeting: Pietroburgo asked if the Tree Board needs to have an annual plan. Section 5 of Ordinance 1211 states that an annual plan is not required.	
Notable Trees	Arbor Day in Washington State is observed the 2 nd Wednesday in April and nationally on the last Friday in April. Fischer wrote an article soliciting nominations for trees with stories (history/heritage/size/species) published in the Statesman-Examiner, North Columbia Monthly, Silverado, and Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Notable Trees may result in a newspaper article for Arbor Day and perhaps a flyer/brochure about the trees. Three nominees has been received to date.	Discuss at Feb. meeting
Arbor Day	Plan for Arbor Day: suggestions include a Junior High band and planting trees at Memorial Park.	Discuss at Feb. meeting
Volunteer Group	Ahlenslager: today a city employee drove a truck in Yep Kanum Park to pick up branches from a storm of two weeks ago. Soil compaction is a recognized concern for the trees there. Although the city owns a lighter vehicle, it is not available until next week. Tree Board members offered to pull branches to the periphery of the park Sunday Jan. 28 th at 10am and to volunteer in support of projects in our parks.	Ahlenslager will contact Jill Marshall and Mayor Janke