

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



Debbie Kadlec
Chair

~Agenda~

David Schott
Staff Liaison

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Tuesday, July 2, 2019

5:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes (ACTION ITEM) - Kadlec

Staff will present the minutes from the May 7, 2019 meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take other such actions deemed appropriate.

2. Public Comment Period

Only for items not listed on the agenda, including responses to previous comments/questions from the public.

3. Consideration of Tree Commission Goals / Five Year Plan (ACTION ITEM) - Filip

The Tree Commission will review and discuss goals for 2019 and beyond.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve goals for the Tree Commission or take other such actions deemed appropriate.

4. Consideration of a Core Development Team Member (ACTION ITEM) - Schott

With the recent resignation of a Core Development Team member, discuss a member of the Tree Commission that would like to volunteer to be involved with the Core Development Team.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve Core Development Team member from the Tree Commission or take other such actions deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. Pruning Public Right of Way Trees within the City of Moscow – Kadlec / Schott

Discussion of pruning within the public right of way by City staff to be compliant under Moscow City Code.

2. Pruning Practices within the City of Moscow - Rauk

Recently, there appears to be trees within the City that have been topped or been pruned in a way that is described as lion's tailing.

3. Harvest Park Status Report - Schott

The City of Moscow has been working on the conceptual plan for Harvest Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next meeting: August 6, 2019

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**Tuesday
May 7, 2019**

5:00 PM

**Mayors Conference Room
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The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

PRESENT: Clark J Filip, Vice Chair; Lauren Goss; Mary Jo Hamilton, Secretary; Debbie Kadlec, Chair.

ABSENT: Daniel Cronan; David Rauk; Gina Taruscio, City Council Liaison.

STAFF: Donna Howard; David Schott, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director.

OTHER: Mark Heinlein, Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

1. Announcements

Filip cannot attend the June meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2019 (ACTION ITEM) - Kadlec

ACTION: The April 2019 Minutes were incorrectly labeled as Agenda on page 1 in the header and on subsequent pages in the footer; approve the minutes after correcting the wording to read Minutes.

Filip motioned to approve the April 2, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected and Goss seconded.

Acclamation vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Cronan, Rauk. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment Period

Only for items not listed on the agenda, including responses to previous comments/questions from the public. There were none.

4. Consideration of Tree Commission Goals (ACTION ITEM) - Kadlec

Using the April meeting's suggested items the MTC reviewed and discussed goals for 2019 and beyond. Filip observed that in the past the MTC wanted to help reduce the City's carbon footprint; he recognized the vague nature of this item and suggested fine tuning it into a goal. Hamilton worked in the past with former commissioner Patrick Fekety using the i-Tree software that could quantify trees' environmental impact and suggested it could be used for this project. Kadlec suggested working with the City's Sustainable Environment Commission; Filip asked how the City calculated their Eco-Driver program's impact. Hamilton read a Daily News article and understood it to be based primarily on fuel consumption. Filip volunteered to talk to the City's Deputy Director of Operations Tyler Palmer to help clarify this goal into a measureable item and include the role trees play in the consideration. Filip will also work on updating the MTC's five-year plan for the July and August meetings' discussion. The 2019 goals were established as:

- 1) Participate in two Farmers Markets each year.
- 2) Annual report to City Council.
- 3) Heritage Tree Program.
 - a. Create diversity in Moscow's urban forest.

- 4) Update MTC management plan.
- 5) Lead commission on development of Harvest Park.
- 6) Develop and implement a tree message or newsletter for inclusion in the City's utility bill.
- 7) Team building, ongoing education for tree commissioners.
- 8) Provide information for tree classes for the Parks and Recreation brochures.
- 9) Aid in reducing the City's carbon footprint through tree activities.

Filip motioned to accept the updated 2019 goals and work on a draft of the next five-year plan. Hamilton seconded. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Cronan, Rauk. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of Fall Classes for the Parks and Recreation Catalog (ACTION ITEM) - Schott

Fall class submissions for the August 1st through November 30th Parks and Recreation catalog are due in early June. Suggested classes included the ever-popular pruning classes, apple tasting with Tim Steury in Moscow or at Phillips Farm, a late summer tree tour of Moscow Mountain via the bike trails and educating the public about planting, removing and replacing right-of-way trees. The MTC had previously discussed a class for the City's Licensed Contractor and Certified Tree Workers; Schott will pursue working with the Streets Department for this as they already offer a public right of way pruning classes. Hamilton volunteered to contact Deb Pehrson to coordinate pruning classes. Schott and Filip will investigate the bike tree tour options. Hamilton suggested starting a tree-centric book club.

ACTION: No action; further research to be completed prior to the June meeting. Submit class and contact information to Schott via e-mail as obtained.

6. Report: Arbor Day - Filip

Filip related that the April 26th event was well attended. He appreciated everyone's contributions, especially the director, parents and students of Charlie Bear's Daycare, Moscow Mayor Lambert, Gritman's Dr. Brown, Idaho Department of Lands representative Jennifer Russell, Gritman's hardworking staff and all of those in the audience. The transition from the indoor ceremony at Gritman's Pearl Bistro to the Gingko tree's outdoor planting site went well and everyone seemed to enjoy the festivities. Schott appreciated how professionally Filip moved the event along and thought the speakers were great. Mark Heinlein would like to see his employer, Gritman, work with the City again for similar events in the future.

7. Report: Harvest Park Status Report - Schott

Schott related that the Core Development Team (CDT) met last week and they are trying to develop a species list for the first phase of the park's development. CDT member David Griffith compiled a list of plants using three criteria: edible or food bearing; plants that could help improve the soil; native plants preferred as much as possible. The CDT considered plants like early balsam root, three kinds of biscuitroot, showy milkweed, lupine, buckwheat, shrubs and small trees like Italian prune, raspberry, thimbleberry, wood rose, chokecherry, serviceberry, golden currant, American plum and hazelnuts. In addition to the perennial plants there could also be annuals such as crimson clover and other buckwheat varieties. Schott said that this year the farmer will cultivate the field as it has been done in the past; Schott foresees the building of the water booster station in 2020 and park development beginning as early as 2021. Griffith also made some recommendations for mixes to be used when the booster station contractor rehabs the disturbed areas after construction. The CDT proposed starting out with cover crops and then moving into areas one by one to begin specific and unique plantings. Schott suggested planting large class trees as soon as possible to allow them plenty of growth time. The conceptual plan still needs to be approved by City Council. The City's Engineering Department is working with JUB Engineering on the booster station which will be in a different location than originally planned. This will change the conceptual plan and Schott is still coordinating those discussions; pending that, he does not yet have a date for a joint meeting with the

MTC, Parks and Recreation Commission and Bernardo-Wills Architects to discuss the revisions to the conceptual plan. Goss observed that the UI Pitkin Nursery already carried many of the plants mentioned; Schott said the CDT discussed coordinating the Arbor Day seedling giveaways with the Harvest Park development and would rely on Goss' products for help educating the public.

ACTION: No Action.

Open Discussion:

Filip said that the MTC's presence at Farmers Market on May 4th went well. There was a crowd of people at 8:30 wanting free seedlings, the demand for them was constant and none were leftover at 11:30 when they packed up the table. Hamilton observed that many came for the traditional giveaway, were amazed that the seedlings were free and asked lots of good questions about the Arbor Day traditions as well as Harvest Park. Hamilton replied that there was good information about Harvest Park on the City's website, it was updated as developments occurred and that the MTC celebrated Arbor Day by giving away the free seedlings. Filip also met and talked with the new UI President who stopped at the table.

Filip asked Schott about a recently removed tree in front of Hodgin's Drug near Friendship Square; he wanted to know if it was going to be replaced with the same type of tree. Schott replied that the tree was hit by a delivery truck and had to be removed but the replacement tree species had not yet been chosen. A challenge to replacing the tree was removing the stump without causing major damage to the sidewalk so he was unsure about a replacement timeline. Schott directed his staff to cut the stump down as low as possible, drill holes in it to speed up the decay process which will facilitate the stump's removal. Filip would like to see this as an opportunity to include the planting site in the overall pattern of downtown tree replacements that he and Rauk have been researching. Schott suggested this for a future agenda item and would like to have a list of tree species to use as replacements became necessary.

Adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Next meeting: June 4, 2019

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