

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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**Tuesday
December 3, 2019**

5:00 PM

**Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Daniel Cronan; Clark J Filip, Vice Chair; Mary Jo Hamilton, Secretary; Debbie Kadlec, Chair; Lauren King; David Rauk.

STAFF Donna Howard, Staff Support; Dave Schott, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation; Gina Taruscio, City Council Liaison.

1. Announcements

Refreshments were available as a thank you for the commissioners' hard work, courtesy of the mayor, and for Filip's final meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2019 (ACTION ITEM) - Kadlec

ACTION: Approve minutes with amendments to correct a typographical error.

Filip motioned and Cronan seconded approval of the minutes with the requested amendments.

Acclamation vote: Ayes: Cronan, Filip, Hamilton, Kadlec, King, Rauk. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment Period

Only for items not listed on the agenda, including responses to previous comments/questions from the public. Chair Kadlec recognized Moscow Parks and Recreation Commission Member Mark Heinlein; he recently walked around the Harvest Park location. He observed apple trees thriving on the grounds despite being neglected and needing pruning. Kadlec asked Schott if there were plans to include the existing trees in the landscape designs.

4. Arbor Day Seedling Selections – Five Year Plan (ACTION ITEM) – Rauk/King

Each year the Tree Commission purchases seedlings from the University of Idaho Pitkin Nursery to give away as part of the Arbor Day celebration. Due to poor growth from the Turkish filberts originally chosen for 2020, a replacement was chosen and selections for the subsequent three years were also made.

ACTION: The tree species were chosen as follows:

2020 – Limber pine, Cascara buckthorn, American chestnut;

2021 – Black cherry, Incense cedar, Black tupelo;

2022 – Saucer magnolia, Silver linden, Western larch (locally known as tamarack);

2023 – Amur maackia, Northern catalpa, Colorado blue spruce.

Filip motioned and King seconded approval of the trees as listed. Acclamation vote: Ayes: Cronan, Filip, Hamilton, Kadlec, King, Rauk. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of the Spring / Summer Parks and Recreation Brochure Classes (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

Submittals for tree themed classes are due mid-February 2020 for inclusion in the April 1 through July 31 Parks and Recreation Brochure. Schott asked the commissioners to come up with class ideas for discussion at the January meeting. Filip volunteered to do a cross country skiing class involving tree identification and a summer bike tree tour on July 18, 2020, even though he was leaving the commission.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

6. Consideration of the FY21 Tree Commission Budget Requests (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

Schott opened the discussion for what funding the MTC anticipates needing when City staff submits their FY 2021 budget request in February. Possible expenses were discussed and Schott will reintroduce this on the January agenda. Schott will email the commissioners previous years' budget.

ACTION: No action, discussion item.

7. Consideration of the 2020 Tree Commission Officer Elections (ACTION ITEM) – Kadlec

Open officer positions and their associated responsibilities were discussed.

ACTION: Approve the officers as presented:

Filip motioned to re-appoint Kadlec as Chair; Rauk motioned to nominate King as Vice Chair; Filip motioned to re-appoint Hamilton as Secretary. Acclamation vote: Ayes: Cronan, Filip, Hamilton, Kadlec, King, Rauk. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

8. Report: Harvest Park – Schott

Schott said the Core Development Team is working on a draft management plan, a proposal for cover crops and a tentative planting project for areas that won't be involved in the construction of the future booster station. According to the City's Community Development Director Bill Belknap the booster station won't be constructed until FY21. Filip asked if signage was happening soon; Schott is working to get at least some temporary if not permanent signs installed as soon as possible. Cronan shared that some of his master's students are working on ideas for edible forests in their thesis projects and their defenses could yield helpful ideas and suggestions.

ACTION: No action, report.

9. Report: Avista, Trees and Overhead Powerlines – Schott

Staff liaison, David Schott, recently had a meeting with Avista to discuss options for trees that conflict with overhead powerlines. Due to time constraints tonight, Schott will report on the meeting in January.

ACTION: No action, report.

10. Discussion: Carbon Cycle of Trees and their Benefits to the Community - Kadlec

Kadlec was approached by Kristin Haltinner from the City's Sustainable Environment Commission (SEC) to discuss how the two commissions could come up with tree related ideas for reducing the City's carbon footprint. Unfortunately, the SEC is not yet ready to collaborate and this will instead be brought back to a future meeting.

ACTION: No action, discussion.

Open Discussion:

Rauk applauded Cronan on an excellent job presenting to City Council for the commission's annual report encompassing the MTC's past year's accomplishments and future goals.

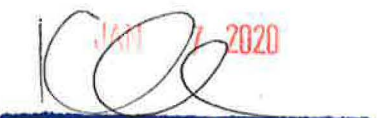
Schott requested consideration for Farmers Market (FM) participation dates. Since Arbor Day is the last Friday in April, Hamilton suggested May 2nd with an alternate day of May 9th to give away the leftover seedlings from the April 24th event. Cronan suggested September 26th or the alternate date of September 19th. Schott will submit those dates to the FM staff.

Adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Next meeting: January 7, 2020

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