

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Agenda

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**Tuesday
October 6, 2020**

5:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85679264259?pwd=VGZDdmZlNFhma1Y5bDVmdGhaUzZDdz09>

Call to order

1. Announcements

2. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2020 (ACTION ITEM) - Kadlec

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

3. Public Comment Period

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

4. Consideration of the 2022 Arbor Day Seedling Selections (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

Don Regan, with the Franklin H. Pitkin Nursery, is in the process of starting the seedlings for 2022. In a prior meeting, the MTC selected Sauer magnolia, western larch, and black tupelo. The nursery is having a hard time with the black tupelo germinating but is now starting to grow black cherry again. The MTC will consider the 2022 seedlings for a final list to submit to the nursery. The MTC will also discuss on site bagging they do each year prior to Arbor Day.

ACTION: Approve the 2022 Arbor Day seedling list or take other such action deemed appropriate.

5. Consideration of the 2020 Annual Report to City Council (ACTION ITEM) – Schott

Each year the MTC presents the Annual Report to City Council. This year the Annual Report will be presented on November 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to COVID – 19, commissions will have the option to present in person or via Zoom. The MTC will discuss the contents of the Annual Report and discuss in person or via Zoom.

ACTION: Approve the 2020 Annual Report content and delivery method or take other such action deemed appropriate.

6. Update: 2020 Arbor Day – Schott

With the April 24, 2020 Arbor Day postponed until October due to COVID-19, the Tree Commission will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, October 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Harvest Park. An apple guild will be planted to celebrate by City staff, Tree Commission members, and members of the Core Development Team for Harvest Park. The celebration will include COVID – 19 safety protocols.

ACTION: No action, update.

Open Discussion

Adjourn

Next meeting: November 3, 2020

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**Tuesday
September 1, 2020**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Pamela Brunsfeld; Daniel Cronan; Mary Jo Hamilton, Secretary; Debbie Kadlec, Chair; Jeanne Leffingwell; David Rauk (joined at 5:01 pm.)

ABSENT: Ellis Eifert

STAFF: Donna Howard, Staff Support; Dave Schott, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation; Brandy Sullivan, City Council Liaison (joined at 5:01 pm.)

OTHER: Mark Heinlein, Parks & Recreation Commission member

1. Announcements

2. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2020 (ACTION ITEM) - Kadlec

ACTION: Approve minutes as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION VOTE
MOVER:	Brunsfeld
SECONDER:	Hamilton
AYES:	Brunsfeld, Cronan, Hamilton, Kadlec, Leffingwell, Rauk
ABSENT:	Eifert

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 Proposed Bee City USA for Moscow (ACTION ITEM) – Mark Heinlein

Kadlec invited Mark Heinlein of the Parks and Recreation Commission to speak about Moscow becoming a Bee City USA. Heinlein directed everyone to the website, <https://www.beecityusa.org/> and explained some of the membership requirements. He added that Mountain Home, ID was a Bee City USA. Kadlec asked if there were pesticide restrictions in order to join; Heinlein affirmed this is a requirement. A discussion followed on neonicotinoids. Kadlec asked what would be the MTC's role in becoming a Bee City; Heinlein replied now he was just soliciting support. Schott explained that a letter of support from the MTC would come from Chair Kadlec but the commissioners were welcome to support the idea as public citizens. Hamilton asked about the timeline for becoming a member; Heinlein asked if the MTC would consider the idea and either make a recommendation at their next meeting or ask him for more information. Heinlein added that in the future, the MTC could include Bee City USA literature with tree information requests as they complemented each other. Brunsfeld would like more information and suggested that Heinlein's group contact Denise Moffat of the Palouse Beekeepers.

ACTION: No action; will discuss at next meeting.

5. Update: 2020 Arbor Day – Schott

The April 24, 2020 Arbor Day event was postponed due to COVID-19; Schott asked if everyone would be available at 9:00 am on October 9, 2020. Rauk will be out of town but the others plan to attend. The MTC discussed specifics for the event which included COVID-19 safety protocols, planting an apple tree guild at Harvest Park and the planting location. The Harvest Park Core Development Team will be invited as well as Mayor Lambert but the event will be closed to the public. The group discussed inviting Idaho Department of Lands Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager Mike Beaudoin and decided, out of an abundance of caution, to request the annual awards be mailed instead of presented in person. A discussion followed regarding the site's soil condition, possible amendments to be added, caring for the trees after planting and if water is available on site.

ACTION: No action, update.

6. Report: Harvest to Table: A Design Process for an Edible Food Forest in Moscow, Idaho by Yi Sun, Graduate Student, University of Idaho – Dan Cronan, Assistant Professor, University of Idaho.

Cronan gave a summary presentation of his student's conceptual design for Harvest Park. The commissioners appreciated seeing the project and will email a thank you to Yi.

ACTION: No action, report.

7. Update: Harvest Park – Schott

Schott said the first soil test at the Harvest Park site came back acidic; the group discussed what could grow well in soils with 4.0 to 6.0 pH levels. Suggestions included bearberry and blueberry plants. Rauk asked about the types of testing. Schott replied there were soil aggregates sent to a lab and Iris Mayes, University of Idaho Latah County Extension Small Farm and Horticulture Educator, came out to the site with a test kit. Schott added that the Parks staff will need to knock down the weeds and that additional soil testing will be completed.

ACTION: No action, update.

Open Discussion:

Schott said that the MTC insert will be included in next month's City Utility bill mailer. Also, the City will resume doing commission annual reports and the MTC is scheduled to present to City Council on November 2, 2020. The commission can choose to present in person or via Zoom. Schott will put this on the October agenda as an action item.

Kadlec reminded everyone there was one more meeting before the Arbor Day to discuss those plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16

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