

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



Ellis Eifert
Commission Chair

Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
October 4, 2022

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission Minutes from August 2, 2022 (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Minutes presented for approval.

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

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. Report: Downtown Streetscape Project Overview – Cody Riddle

Cody Riddle, Deputy City Supervisor, will give an update on the Downtown Streetscape Project.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

4. Consideration of the 2024 Arbor Day Seedling Selection (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Moscow Tree Commission will discuss the tree seedling selections for the 2024 Arbor Day celebration. During the August 2, 2022 meeting, the Tree Commission selected smooth sumac, pinyon pine, and saucer magnolia. The pinyon pine is problematic in this area and the saucer magnolia is difficult to germinate. Thus, the Tree Commission will discuss other options for the conifer and deciduous trees for the 2024 Arbor Day seedling giver away.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2024 Arbor Day celebration tree seedlings; or provide staff with further direction.

5. Consideration of Moscow Heritage Tree Program Nomination (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

Moscow City Council approved Resolution 2021-21 in November, 2021, which authorized the creation of the Moscow Heritage Tree Program. The program was launched in the spring of 2022. The Tree Commission will discuss a giant sequoia nomination located at 617 North Hayes Street for inclusion in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of Moscow Heritage Tree Program nomination; or provide staff with further direction.

6. Consideration of the 2022 Annual Report to City Council (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Each year the Tree Commission presents the Annual Report to City Council. This year the Annual Report will be presented on November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Tree Commission will discuss content of the Annual Report.

ACTION: Approve Annual Report to City Council; or provide staff with further direction.

7. Report: September 24, 2022 Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

The Moscow Tree Commission hosted a table at the September 24, 2022 Farmers Market. Those there will report on the interactions with the public.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISCUSSION

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next meeting: November 1, 2022

ADJOURN

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August 2, 2022

5:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Pamela Brunsfeld, Secretary; Ellis Eifert, Chair; Zena Hartung; Jeanne Leffingwell.

STAFF: Donna Howard; David Schott; Gina Taruscio; Mark Heinlein, Commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission Minutes from July 5, 2022 (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Minutes presented for approval.

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

Leffingwell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Hartung seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

There were none.

3. Consideration of the 2023 Arbor Day Seedling Selection (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Moscow Tree Commission selected black cherry, saucer magnolia, and Fraser fir for the 2023 Arbor Day tree seedling selections. However, the Fraser fir was replaced by incense cedar. Recently, the City was informed the saucer magnolia failed to germinate. The Tree Commission will discuss a suitable third selection for the 2023 Arbor Day tree seedlings to replace the saucer magnolia.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve third tree seedling to replace the saucer magnolia for the 2023 Arbor Day celebration; or provide staff with further direction.

Schott shared a list of which seedlings were given away in past years. The group discussed what was available for purchase from the University of Idaho Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery catalog.

Leffingwell moved to choose the Cascara buckthorn seedling for the third 2023 giveaway. Hartung seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of the 2024 Arbor Day Seedling Selection (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Moscow Tree Commission will discuss the tree seedling selections for the 2024 Arbor Day celebration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2024 Arbor Day celebration tree seedlings; or provide staff with further direction.

The group considered what was available for purchase from the University of Idaho Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery catalog.

Brunsfeld moved to choose a sumac seedling for the 2024 shrub giveaway. Leffingwell seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Leffingwell moved to choose pinyon pine for the 2024 conifer seedling giveaway, pending approval by David Rauk as suitable for this region. Hartung seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Hartung moved to choose the saucer magnolia seedling for the 2024 deciduous seedling giveaway. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Consideration of the Harvest Park Subcommittee (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Moscow City Council approved the Harvest Park Management Plan through resolution on June 27, 2022. The management plan was created after the formation of the core development team to utilize local knowledge. The formation of the Harvest Park Subcommittee will assist the City in the management and operations of Harvest Park. The subcommittee will report to the Tree Commission as a subcommittee of the Tree Commission. Members of the Harvest Park Subcommittee will be appointed by the Tree Commission. The Tree Commission appointed three of the five members during their July 5, 2022 meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Appoint two members of the Harvest Park Subcommittee; or provide staff with further direction.

Schott said that Heinlein, Tim Steury & Zena Hartung were appointed to the subcommittee. Schott then suggested appointing Iris Mayes & Suvia Judd as the fourth and fifth members. After all of the subcommittee positions are filled, Schott can begin planning meetings.

Brunsfeld moved to appoint Mayes and Judd as members of the Harvest Park Subcommittee. Leffingwell seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Consideration of Moscow Heritage Tree Program Nominations (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

Moscow City Council approved Resolution 2021-21 in November, 2021, which authorized the creation of the Moscow Heritage Program. The program was launched in the spring of 2022. The Tree Commission will discuss nominations for inclusion in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: 1. Approve two American Elms located at 124 North Howard for inclusion in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program; 2. Approve one Black Walnut tree located at 907 East Seventh Street; or provide staff with further direction.

Schott opened the discussion on the first nomination, a pair of elm trees on Howard Street. The commissioners discussed the history and merits of these and the fact that they are still healthy and standing despite Dutch Elm Disease.

MOTION 1: Leffingwell moved to approve the two American Elms located at 124 North Howard for inclusion in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schott opened the discussion on the second nomination, a large black walnut tree on East Seventh Street. The commissioners discussed the history and qualities of this large and impressive tree.

MOTION 2: Hartung moved to approve the Black Walnut tree located at 907 East Seventh Street for inclusion in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Report: Downtown Streetscape Project – David Schott

Staff will report on the progress of the Downtown Streetscape Project.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

Schott attended the Downtown Streetscape public meeting on July 20th and was on the selection committee for the consultants. Schott relayed the MTC's recommendations to Cody Riddle, Deputy City Supervisor and lead for this project. The recommendations included caring for the trees' roots as what's below the ground is most important for good tree health; considering that the current trees are nearing the end of their life expectancy; avoiding a monoculture when planting new trees. Schott appreciated that the chosen consultant expressed interest in care and maintenance for the new trees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISCUSSION

Leffingwell reported on tabling at Farmers Market; there was some confusion, another commission was scheduled to be there but Leffingwell was able to set up as well.

Schott said the billing insert on supplemental watering trees in Moscow didn't happen in July; the City will have it in the August bills instead.

Schott reminded the commissioners that the IRPA award for the Heritage Tree program will be presented at the August 15th City Council meeting and hopes all can attend but especially Brunsfeld, Hamilton and Hartung.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next meeting: September 6, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



Moscow Heritage Tree Program Nomination Form

Nominator Information

Name: Ruby Valentine
Address: 617 N Hayes St
Moscow Idaho 83843
Phone: (Day) 208 882-6722
(Eve) same
Email Address Ø

(Property owner must agree to nomination)

Name: same
Address: _____
Phone: (Day) _____
(Eve) _____

Property/Tree Owner Information (For assistance please contact the Community Forestry Administrator)

Location (Street Address): 617 N Hayes St
Species of Tree (Common or Botanical Name): Sequoia gigantea
Single/Collection of trees (If Collection, How Many Trees): 1
Size: Height (approx.) _____ (feet) need help estimating this
Crown (approx.) measure distance of total spread from one side to other: 24' (estimating) (feet)
Circumference (distance around trunk at 4.5 feet from ground): Approx 126" (inches)
Age of Tree (If Known/Estimate): 35 or 36 years

Condition (check all that apply and explain any issues on back of page):

☒ Healthy ☐ Diseased ☐ Pruning/Structural problems

List any historical facts about the tree (Documented/Estimated) Specimen purchased Dec 1995
at San Pablo Nursery, Berkeley, CA. Moved to Moscow August 1995
planted from oak tub in 1995. Flourishing with all original

What is most noteworthy about the tree/trees that meets the criteria (check all that apply). limbs

☒ Size ☐ Age ☒ Health / Form ☒ Rare Horticultural Value

☒ Aesthetic Qualities ☐ Historical ☒ Uncommon

☒ Other, please explain: Adapted well over the 30 years on the
Palouse. One of a handful of this species in the area
Clearly visible from Hayes St, especially when the
deciduous trees have dropped their

Explain why you think the tree/trees should be nominated for heritage distinction - use another piece of paper, if necessary. Please include a photograph and a simple tree location map. Property owner agrees to allow City staff or designee with permission to photograph tree for inclusion in the online Moscow Heritage Tree Program Guide.

Submit Nomination Form and Property Owner Agreement Form to:

City of Moscow Community Forestry Administrator

PO Box 9203 • Moscow, ID 83843 • Or email to: tree@ci.moscow.id.us • Call (208) 883-7098 for assistance.

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Moscow Heritage Tree Program Property Owner Agreement Form

In exchange for the City's designation of the subject tree as a Moscow Heritage Tree, the Property Owner agrees to protect, maintain and care for the Moscow Heritage Tree located on his or her property.

Property Owner agrees to the following:

- A. A Moscow Heritage Tree or collection of trees is retained by the property owner and does not become the property or responsibility of the City – unless the tree(s) are city owned.
- B. The property owner is responsible for all maintenance and liability issues pertaining to the tree or trees.
- C. Prior to removal of a Heritage Tree, a property owner must notify the City of Moscow Community Forestry Administrator at (208) 883-7098 or tree@ci.moscow.id.us. The City strongly encourages all Moscow Heritage Tree property owners to retain these significant tree(s).
- D. Property owner acknowledges there might be some risk by participating in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program.
- E. Property owner is participating voluntarily in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program.
- F. Property owner is required to sign this form, including the release of liability holding the City of Moscow harmless from any damage related to participating in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program.
 - a. Property owner hereby agrees to defend and indemnify, release, hold harmless, acquit and forever discharge the City of Moscow and its successors, assigns, agents, servants, employees and insurers of and from all legal and equitable claims, of every kind, action, amount, cause of action, related to or arising out of participating in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program.
- G. It is the affirmative duty, legal obligation that requires some effort to satisfy, of the private property owner(s) to notify any subsequent property owner(s) that they have opted to participate in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program and request the property owner(s) to notify the City of any change in ownership. If the new property owner(s) wish to continue the participation, they will be asked to sign a new Moscow Heritage Tree Program Property Owner Agreement Form.
- H. Property owner agrees to allow City staff or designee permission to photograph tree for inclusion in the online Moscow Heritage Tree Program Guide.

As owner of the Sequoia Gigantica (species) tree now being considered for this distinction, the Property Owner hereby consents to its being designated a Moscow Heritage Tree by the Moscow Tree Commission of Moscow, Idaho.

Tree Location (Address): 667 N Hayes St Moscow 83843

Property Owner Signed: Randy Valentine Date: 9-7-2022

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Received: _____ Date: 9/7/22
Administrator Review and Recommendation: [Signature] Date: 9/21/22
Moscow Tree Commission Consideration (Approved) or (Denied): _____ Date: _____
Uploaded to Moscow Heritage Tree Program Guide and Website: _____ Date: _____

Submit Nomination Form and Property Owner Agreement Form to:

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PO Box 9203 • Moscow, ID 83843 • Or email to: tree@ci.moscow.id.us • Call (208) 883-7098 for assistance.

An Addendum to the application form (mistakenly
sent incomplete) yesterday.

This Giant Sequoia was the first
Christmas Tree ^{in 1986} for newborn Sterling
Robison Valentine 1986-2018. Purchased
as a seedling from San Pablo Nursery in
Berkeley, California. It resided in an oak
tub and was moved like that to Moscow
in 1992. ^{with her family} Subsequently planted in the
ground at 617 N. Hayes St where it
flourishes as Sterling's legacy!

Thank you.

Ruby Valentine
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