

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
May 3, 2022

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference
Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Pam Brunsfeld; Mary Jo Hamilton, Vice Chair; Jeanne Leffingwell; David Rauk.

STAFF: Donna Howard; David Schott; Gina Taruscio.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission Minutes from March 1, 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.

Brunsfeld moved to accept minutes as presented; Leffingwell seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

Hamilton recognized Jill Kyeong of Moscow. Kyeong applied for a grant, will have an exhibition at the Pritchard Art Gallery and is working on an art installation using wood, trees and landscaping as the medium. Her projected completion date is 18 months or two years from now. Schott recommended Kyeong contact the City's Arts Programs Manager Megan Cherry for additional information. Kyeong will email Schott.

3. Consideration of the Harvest Park Management Plan (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Core Development Team for Harvest Park has been busy drafting a management plan for Harvest Park. The Tree Commission will review and discuss the draft management plan.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Recommend approval of the Harvest Park Management Plan; or provide staff with further direction.

Schott shared a PowerPoint about the draft plan. He gave a brief history of Harvest Park and the City's plans for its future. In addition to the management plan, Schott talked about the role of donors and volunteers; park planning and management; establishing a management subcommittee while the MTC will continue to be the lead supervisory commission; implementing harvest limits; only allowing dogs on leash on pathways, unless they are ADA animals; integrated pest management strategies to limit or not use pesticides; focusing on pollinator friendly plantings; the four park zones – bowl, dogleg, hillside and periphery; breaking up the zones into planting rooms; long term goals; soil improvement; how all of the plans will be fluid and adaptable to change. Rauk suggested increasing efforts toward soil improvement. Brunsfeld thought it was a thorough and comprehensive document. Schott will send it to the City's Legal Department and then it will need to be approved by City Council.

Leffingwell moved to approve the Harvest Park Management Plan notwithstanding any proofreading changes; Brunsfeld seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

4. Consideration of the May 7, 2022 Moscow Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

The Tree Commission will discuss those who can attend and logistics for the May 7, 2022 Moscow Farmers Market.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve staffing and logistics for the Moscow Farmers Market; or provide staff with further direction.

Topics discussed included the plans to coordinate all of the supplies for the event; Rauk will pick up the items from staff; if the MTC members were allowed to only give out one seedling at a time or multiple; laminating larger, full-color signs for the seedlings explaining what they are; telling the public the dogwood seedlings are shrubs, not trees; and how people will volunteer. Rauk will set up at 9 am, Brunsfeld will attend from 9:30 – 10:30, Hamilton will arrive at 10 am, Taruscio will be there at 11 am.

Leffingwell made a motion to approve the plans as made. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

5. Report: 2022 Arbor Day Celebration – Ellis Eifert

The Tree Commission will discuss the 2022 Arbor Day celebration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

Schott went over the event; one hiccup was the remote location of Milton Arthur Park and how multiple people commented it was difficult to find. Otherwise, the event was well attended, two catalpa trees were planted, one northern and the other purple; the Idaho Department of Lands representative attended and presented the annual awards to Mayor Bettge; LeeAnne Eareckson and her students spoke and did a presentation on pollinator boxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISCUSSION

Schott said the City received a donation for three trees to be planted at Heron's Hideout and the same family purchased a bench for Carol Ryrie Brink as a memorial.

Schott attended the 2022 Idaho Recreation and Parks Association Convention where he accepted an award on behalf of the City, recognizing the Heritage Tree Program as an Outstanding Innovative Program.

Rauk requested consideration of the City's right-of way (ROW) tree planting programs as a future agenda item and how to increase plantings in the ROW.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next meeting: June 7, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

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