

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
May 2, 2023

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission April 4, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

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. Consideration of the Upcoming Commission Survey (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Tree Commission will review prior questions, discuss the vision and goal for using the survey tool moving forward, and develop a list of five (5) questions in order of priority for the public to respond to.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the five (5) survey questions; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

4. Consideration of the May 6, 2023 Farmer's Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

The Tree Commission will finalize staffing and materials needed for the May 6, 2023 Farmer's Market. Tree seedling will be available. The Moscow Heritage Tree Banner and the Street Tree Planting Guide poster will be ready by May 6th.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve staffing and materials for the May 6, 2023 Farmers Market; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

REPORTS

1. Arbor Day Post Event Report - All

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Moscow Tree Commission meeting: June 6, 2023

ADJOURN

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Ellis Eifert; Chair, David Rauk; Vice Chair, Pamela Brunsfeld; Secretary, Jeanne Leffingwell, Gina Taruscio; City Council Liaison, Zena Hartung, Nick Koenig

STAFF: Staff: David Schott, Melissa Fisher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Koenig introduced himself to the commission members.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission February 7, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Brunsfeld moved to approve the minutes as presented. Leffingwell seconded. Roll call vote:
Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

None.

5. Consideration of the 2023 Arbor Day Celebration (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert / David Rauk

The Tree Commission approved the library for the site of the 2023 Arbor Day celebration. The theme will be *The Lorax: I speak for the trees*. The Tree Commission will discuss the final details of the 2023 Arbor Day celebration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Arbor Day celebration details; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Leffingwell moved to approve the Arbor Day celebration details as presented. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

The Tree Commission will review and discuss the draft display banners created by staff for the Moscow Heritage Tree Program prior to fabrication.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Moscow Heritage Tree Program banners; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Leffingwell moved to approve the Moscow Heritage Tree Banner, pending the discussed revisions. Brunsfeld seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

7. Consideration of the Upcoming Commission Survey (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Tree Commission will review prior questions, discuss the vision and goal for using the survey tool moving forward, and develop a list of five (5) questions in order of priority for the public to respond to.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the five (5) survey questions; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Commissioners agreed to review the survey questions and table the topic for further discussion until the next Commission meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Moscow Tree Commission meeting: May 2, 2020

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM

COMMISSION SURVEY QUESTION HISTORY

From 2002-2014 the commission questions were integrated into the Citizen Survey. The 2016 survey consisted only of the citizen survey questions and starting 2017 commission questions were sent out separately in their own survey. The 2019 commission survey was never approved by City Council and published as the onset of Covid prioritized other projects and we never revisited the survey results. Starting with the 2017 Commission survey, questions were organized by commission whereas previous surveys were scrambled. The 2017 survey also included each commission's mission statement. The survey will be sent out at the beginning of October and questions are due back from Commissions by September

Tree Commission

2002 Survey

Trees enhance the livability of Moscow. (circle one)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
64%	26%	7%	1%	0%	2%

A recent street tree inventory found that there were approximately 6,200 trees and an equal number of vacant planting spaces in the rights-of-way along Moscow's streets. Do you support the efforts of the Moscow Tree Committee to promote planting trees in the vacant tree planting spaces? (Circle one)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
44%	29%	14%	6%	3%	4%

Are you aware that trees in the City right-of-way are the property owner's responsibility to water, prune, etc. following the guidelines in the Moscow Community Forestry Ordinance?

Yes	No
57%	41%

2004 Survey

Are you aware that trees in the City right-of-way are the property owner's responsibility to water, prune, etc. following the guidelines in the Moscow Community Forestry Ordinance?

Yes	No
81%	19%

Would you plant a tree in the public right-of-way in front of your home if a tree were available from the new City Street Tree Nursery?

Yes	No
68%	32%

2006 Survey

A street tree inventory found that there were approximately 7,200 trees and equal number of vacant planting spaces in the right-of-ways along Moscow's streets. Do you support the efforts of the Moscow Tree Commission to promote planting trees in vacant planting spaces?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
40%	37%	13%	6%	2%	3%

Are you aware that trees in the public right-of-way are the property owner's responsibility to water, prune, etc. following the guidelines in the Moscow Community Forestry Ordinance?

Yes	No
62%	38%

Have you ever visited the City Community Forestry web page ([www.ci.moscow.id.us/parks/community forestry](http://www.ci.moscow.id.us/parks/community_forestry)) to obtain information about tree selection/planting/care and the City's Community Forestry Program?

Yes	No
9%	91%

2008 Survey

There are more than 6,000 vacant street tree planting spaces in Moscow within which the City is trying to encourage residents to plant trees. If funding were provided to help you buy a tree (see amounts listed below), at what level would you be willing to buy and plant a street tree?

\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$100	Free tree giveaway each spring
25%	14%	7%	12%	4%	39%

Have you ever visited the City Community Forestry web page (<http://www.ci.moscow.id.us/PR/Community%20Forestry/Inex.asp>) to obtain information about tree selection/planting/care and the City's Community Forestry Program?

Yes	No
9%	91%

How would you prefer to receive information about community forestry issues in Moscow?

Email	City Website	Newspaper	Seminars	Television	Radio	Direct Mail
8%	12%	44%	1%	3%	9%	22%

2010 Survey

What kind of information are you most interested in receiving from the Moscow Tree Commission?

Street tree selection guide	34%
Information on the City's Community Forestry Ordinance	21%
Information on proper planting and care for trees	41%
Pruning Tips	45%
Water-wise selection and care for trees	47%
List of certified arborists in Moscow	24%

The most important feature to me of a healthy urban forest of street and parks trees is

Slowing traffic through residential areas	18%
Conserving water	25%
Providing pleasant recreational areas	50%
Reducing the city's carbon footprint	35%
None of the above	10%
Don't Know	10%

The Moscow Tree Commission could best serve me and the community by

Providing a variety of free tree care workshops	22%
Partnering with neighborhoods on tree planting and tree care events	32%
Promoting city-wide tree planting	42%
Providing educational material on the economic benefits of trees to your property and community	26%

2012 Survey

The most important feature to me of a healthy urban forest of street and parks trees is

Reducing the city's carbon footprint	29%
None of the above	15%
Don't Know	9%
Providing shade to sidewalks and streets	37%
Increasing aesthetics and property values	48%
Enhancing storm water retention	24%

The Moscow Tree Commission could best serve me and the community by

Providing a variety of free tree care workshops	34%
Providing educational material on the economic benefits of trees to your property and community	20%
Encouraging residents to plant street trees through financial incentives	40%
Don't Know	25%

2014 Survey

The most important feature to me of a healthy urban forest of street and parks trees is

Don't Know	11%
Providing shade to sidewalks and streets	29%
Increasing aesthetics and property values	29%
Enhancing storm water retention	13%
Mitigating the effects of climate change	13%
Calming traffic and enhancing safe pedestrian travel	16%

I support the City's efforts to enhance street shade trees by:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Requiring trees to be planted at all new construction sites	37%	33%	13%	8%	4%	3%
Developing a drought tolerant shade tree planting guide	30%	42%	16%	3%	2%	5%
Identifying locations where shade trees are missing and working with adjacent land owners to get them planted	25%	40%	20%	6%	4%	3%
Working in neighborhoods with older trees to plan for companion planting of replacement trees.	24%	44%	21%	2%	4%	3%
Subsidizing citizen cost of new trees to encourage shade tree planting	28%	30%	22%	8%	6%	4%

2017 Survey

I support the City's efforts to enhance Moscow's Urban Forest of street and park trees by: (check all that apply)

Including information about drought tolerance in the Street Tree Selection Guide	64%
Working with adjacent land owners to plant street trees in designated tree planting sites	65%
Planning for replacement of aging trees in neighborhoods through companion planting of new trees	76%
Developing a food forest	42%

Which publications and workshops would you like the Tree Commission to offer?

A publication about selecting street trees appropriate to Moscow	60%
Information on the City's Community Forestry Ordinance	32%
Publications or workshops on proper tree planting and care	52%
Publications or workshops on tree pruning	48%
Publications or workshops on water-wise selection and care of trees	59%
List of arborists certified to work in Moscow	46%

2019 Survey

Please rate how important you feel each of the following downtown street tree features are to you.

	Extremely Important	Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Don't Know	No answer
Shade	41%	42%	5%	4%	2%	1%	5%
Aesthetics (fall color, form, beauty)	37%	42%	6%	5%	3%	1%	5%
Reduce Noise	29%	36%	17%	4%	4%	6%	6%
Reduce Pollution	40%	36%	10%	4%	3%	1%	6%
Attract Birds and Pollinators	40%	31%	12%	5%	5%	1%	5%
Species Diversity	31%	30%	20%	7%	5%	2%	6%
Attract Consumers	19%	29%	21%	7%	16%	2%	7%
Tree LED String Lights	20%	29%	20%	9%	15%	2%	5%

The Tree Commission is considering developing a self-guided tree tour. Please note which types of trees you would be interested in seeing featured in a tour of Moscow trees. (check up to three)

Old Trees	20%
Historic Trees	25%
Large Trees	8%
Arbor Day Trees	5%
Food Bearing Trees	11%
Rare or Unusual Trees	26%
No Answer	6%