

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
December 5, 2023

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM.

PRESENT: Ellis Eifert, Chair; Pamela Brunsfeld; Secretary, Jeanne Leffingwell, Mary Jo Hamilton, Zena Hartung; David Rauk, Nick Koenig

STAFF: David Schott

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission November 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.

Hamilton moved to approve the minutes as presented. Leffingwell seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

A few grammatical errors as well as a name spelling correction.

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

Leonard Garrison is hoping to serve as a liaison between the Citizens Climate Lobby tree sub commission and the Moscow Tree Commission (MTC)

3. Consideration of the 2024 Tree Commission Goals (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert / David Schott

The Tree Commission will review past goals and create Tree Commission goals for 2024.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2024 Tree Commission goals; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

In 2019 the MTC made a few five-year goals. Over the past few years a few of these goals have been accomplished. David has put together a list of draft goals/ideas:

- Farmers market events

- Annual City Council report
- Arbor Day celebration
- Tree City USA / Growth Award
- Downtown tree management plan
- Tree ambassador program
- Formalize tree donation program
- Coordinate with other local entities to promote Moscow's tree canopy.
- Consideration of Nils Peterson donation proposal to plant more trees
- Utility billing newsletter outreach

The group would like to wait to vote on a final list until the new year.

Jeanne moved to wait until the new year to choose final goals. Pamela seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. Guide for Plant Appraisal, 10th Edition Report – David Schott

David explained the process for tree appraisals. He will be able to perform these appraisals on City trees.

2. Tree Cookie Workshop Report – All

Started out with 100 cookie ornaments. Had a very good turnout with 65 participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Tree Commission Meeting: January 2, 2024

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.



Ellis Eifert, Chair *(or stamped by Deputy City Clerk)*