

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Commission Chair

Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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Tuesday
September 3, 2024

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission July 2, 2024 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 15 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 September 28, 2024 Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert / David Schott

The Tree Commission will discuss staffing for the September 28, 2024 Farmers Market. The theme is fall tree planting and distributing free tree seedlings with funds donated to the City of Moscow by Nils Peterson to plant more trees. Seedlings offered will be Canaan Fir, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Western Larch, Sugar Maple, Chokecherry, and Northern Catalpa.

Staff has requested Pitkin Nursery to bag the seedlings but in the event they are unable to do so, staff will reach out to Tree Commission members to assist in the bagging prior to September 28, Farmers Market.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve staffing for the September 28, 2024 Farmers Market; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

4. Update: 2026 Arbor Day Seedling Selections (ACTION ITEM) – David Rauk David Rauk will provide an update on the 2026 Arbor Day seedlings from the Pitkin Nursery for the 2026 Arbor Day celebration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, update.

UPDATES/REPORTS

- 1. Downtown Tree Inventory – David Schott**
- 2. September City Utility Billing – David Schott**

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- 1. Next Tree Commission Meeting: October 1, 2024**

ADJOURN

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

PRESENT: Mary Jo Hamilton; David Rauk; Pamela Brunsfield; Zena Hartung, Gina Taruscio

STAFF: David Schott

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission May 7, 2024 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.

Mary Jo moved to approve the minutes as presented. Zena seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

None

3. Consideration of the September 28, 2024 Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert / David Schott

The Tree Commission will discuss the fall tree seedling give away with funds donated to the City of Moscow by Nils Peterson to plant more trees. The commission will determine seedling selections from the Pitkin Nursery. The Tree Commission will also assign commission members to draft language to be included in the utility billing newsletter highlighting the seedling giveaway on September 28th at the Farmers Market. This will also include educating the public on the advantages of planting in the fall. The draft language will be considered by the full commission during the August Tree Commission meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: One, approve the seedling selection for the fall seedling giveaway. Two, approve commission members to draft language for inclusion of the utility billing newsletter; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

The funding for this is a \$1,000 donation from the Nils Peterson to plant more trees. David Schott showed the seedling options from Pitkin Nursery. It was suggested to provide information on each chosen species. Heat tolerance is one ideal trait they are looking for. The main trees and shrubs they've decided on are: canaan fir, western larches, rocky mountain juniper, chokecherry, bur-gambel oak and sugar maples.

Mary Jo moved to approve the six species as presented. Pam seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

David Schott also asked the group to do a short write up for the Cities' utility billing newsletter on fall plantings and the benefits of it. Pam will do a write up for upcoming newsletter.

Zena moved to approve write up in newsletter. Mary Jo seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Consideration of the 2026 Arbor Day Seedling Selections (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert / David Schott

The Tree Commission will discuss seedlings from the Pitkin Nursery for the 2026 Arbor Day celebration.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the seedling selections for the 2026 Arbor Day celebration; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Seeds they have narrowed down are European beech, purple lilac, golden raintree, Kentucky coffee tree, red bud, blue elderberry, shagbark hickory, and limber pine. David Rauk will reach out to Pitkin Nursery to see if these seeds are available.

Mary Jo moved to approve David Rauk to reach out to Pitkin Nursey. Zena seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Discussion: Siberian Elms – David Schott

The Tree Commission will discuss Siberia elm trees throughout town. Staff has received a comment requesting ideas to encourage property owners and to remove and treat Siberian elms. Siberian elms can be invasive but the State of Idaho Invasive Species of Idaho does not classify them as an invasive terrestrial plant. The 2018 Street Tree Planting Guide does note elms as a species not suitable for street trees.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, discussion.

The group doesn't believe there's too many growing in the community and no action is required. The Siberian Elm is not sold in nurseries. Existing Siberian elms are present in town from the settlers, who were looking for a robust, tough tree to survive in this environment long ago. However, the commission expressed interest in providing

information to the public regarding undesirable species for a future commission public outreach project.

David Rauk moved to recommend these trees be placed on the list of trees not be planted in Moscow in the future. Mary Jo seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS

1. Downtown Tree Inventory

David Schott is 60% done with the downtown tree inventory. He is appraising them as well. So far, the trees are roughly worth \$1 million.

Also, the London planetrees downtown have sycamore anthracnose, a fungus that is preventing them to leaf out. David Schott is advising to wait and give them tree some time to put on a second set of leaves.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Tree Commission Meeting: August 6, 2024

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM

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



From: David Rauk <davidr@gold.uidaho.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Mackey, Lori (lmackey@uidaho.edu) <lmackey@uidaho.edu>
Cc: Contact - dschott@ci.moscow.id.us <dschott@ci.moscow.id.us>; Contact - ellis@eifertlaw.com <ellis@eifertlaw.com>
Subject: FW: Spring 2026 Seedlings

Hi Lori,

Here is a recommended list of species found in the Schumacher seed catalog that grow well here in Moscow. Please check out the propagation methods for each and let me know which species seem doable by the nursery. We are thinking that perhaps a few of these could be chosen for our seedling give-away in April of 2026.

Thanks for the nursery's willingness to look into this project. Much appreciated.

<i>Acer campestre</i>	hedge maple
<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	western serviceberry
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	northern catalpa
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	hackberry
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	western redbud
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American hazelnut
<i>Fraxinus mandshurica</i>	Manchurian Ash
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky coffeetree
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	oceanspray
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	golden raintree
<i>Malus baccata</i>	Siberian crabapple
<i>Malus</i> x 'Dolgo'	Dolgo crabapple
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	black tupelo

<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	ironwood
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	swamp white oak
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	red oak
<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	shingle oak
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	silver linden

David

Vice-Chair

Moscow Tree Commission