

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Tuesday
September 2, 2025

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

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

PRESENT: Ellis Eifert (Chair); Mary Jo Hamilton; Jeanne Leffingwell; Pam Brunsfield

STAFF: Gina Taruscio (Council Liaison); David Schott (Staff Liaison)

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission August 5, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

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

Jeanne moved to approve the minutes as presented. Pam seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Abstain: Motion carried.

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

Leonard Garrison-Co Leader of Palouse chapter of the Citizen Climate Lobby stopped in. Leonard is seeking sponsors for an electrification fair they are hosting in April 2026.

3. Consideration of the October 7, 2025, Tree Commission Meeting (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The staff liaison will be out of town this week. The commission will discuss the cancellation of the October 7, 2025, meeting or reschedule the meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the cancelation of October 7, 2025, Tree Commission meeting; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Jeanne moved to cancel the October meeting. Mary Jo seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Abstain: Motion carried.

4. Consideration of the September 27, 2025, Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

The Tree Commission will discuss staffing and materials for September 27, 2025, Farmers Market. The general theme is fall is a great time to plant trees. The commission will be giving away free tree seedlings. Seedlings offered will be forty-four of each of the three species: Ponderosa Pine, Redoiser Dogwood, and Red Flowering Current/Bur-English Oak. This does include the nursery providing the bagging.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve staffing and materials for the September 27, 2025, Farmers Market; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

David was able to secure the Burr English Oak seedlings as a substitute for the red flowing current. Group discussed materials they can give out as well as what commission members will be available to staff the table.

Jeanne moved to accept Farmers Market plan. Pam seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Abstain: Motion carried.

5. Consideration of the November 3, 2025, City Council Annual Report (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert – David Schott

The Tree Commission will discuss the draft annual report presented by staff.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve draft Annual Report to City Council; or take other action as deemed appropriate.

Staff reviewed the report and made several suggestions and add-ons; current open seat on commission, Arbor Day with Paradise Ridge Regional High School, City and Growth Award, Farmers Market events, fall seedling giveaway, utility billing newsletter content, Heritage Tree Program, work on tree questions for Tree Certification tests, and Tree cookie workshops. Plans are underway for 2026 Arbor Day celebrations.

Pam moved to accept draft report. Jeanne seconded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Unanimous. Abstain: Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

1. Next Tree Commission Meeting: November 4, 2025

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM



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