

City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board Meeting
Normal Meeting Minutes: January 4th, 2023; 7:00-9:00pm
Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom

Tree Board Members present: Marty Byrne, Chair Richard Olmstead, Mandee Parker, Doug Sprugel

Staff and others present: Riley Bushnell, Assistant Planner; Councilmember Larry Goldman

Members of the Public present: John Brew

Tree Board Members absent: Sandra Levar, Julia Bent

Call to order: 7:03 PM

Short Reflections: Chair Olmstead talked about the impact climate change has on Western Red cedar from a newspaper article. In the report it concluded the Western Red cedar's range will change as temperatures rise throughout the Pacific Northwest. It is likely to disappear in lower elevations west of the cascades.

Introductions: The Tree Board members and City staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Change to new agenda was proposed by Chair Olmstead, mostly old and new business. Mr. Sprugel approved of the agenda, Ms. Byrne seconded.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Olmstead proposed the approval of the minutes. Mr. Sprugel moved to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Byrne seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously

Public Comment: Melissa Cranmer spoke about a 150 tall Douglas fir that she was worried would fall down on structures on her property. She mentioned that removing it is a huge undertaking and wishes the City staff could help partner with her better to get the tree removed because she feels it is hazardous. She also said she was worried other property owners will have trees like this come down on their own and not bother with getting a permit.

Communication:

Next Meeting

Chair Olmstead spoke to the next meeting taking place on Wednesday, February 1st at city hall.

Announcements

None.

Old Business:

McAleer Creek Restoration – Julia

None.

1 2023 Work Plan

2 Chair Olmstead discussed which items the board should keep or exclude from the 2023 Work Plan.

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4 The tree board members discussed different roles and who should take charge of certain tasks on
5 the work plan.

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7 Chair Olmstead moved certain items in the work plan to different subgroups.

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9 Public Outreach Plan

10 Chair Olmstead discussed the terms of tree board and said that we need to know start dates of
11 everyone because terms last three years. The limit is two consecutive three year terms.

12 Councilmember Goldman mentioned talking to City Clerk to find out the tenure of each member.

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14 Chair Olmstead stated Sandy Levar and Julia Bent will each update the board next time they are
15 present on their outreach activity.

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17 **New Business:**

18 2022 Annual Report

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21 **Reports and Announcements:**

22 Frontlines

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25 Councilmember Goldman's Report

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28 Preliminary discussion about 2022 Tree Inventory Data

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31 **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

32 Potential items for the agenda were discussed for next meeting.

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35 **Adjournment:** Mr. Sprugel moved to adjourn. Ms. Byrne seconded; and the meeting adjourned at
36 8:44 PM.

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Richard Olmstead, Chair