

White Salmon Tree Board Meeting

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November 09, 2020 – 5:30 PM

Via Zoom Teleconference

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Discussion Items

1. Department of Natural Resources Grant - Removal of Understory Fire Fuels. Bill Hunsaker
 - a. Presentation and Discussion
2. WSMC 18.35 City Tree Ordinance
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Possible Action
3. Education and News
 - a. Discussion
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Adjournment

Please note members of the public will be allowed to interact with the committee members during the committee meeting to ask questions or make suggestions regarding the topics on the agenda. Please use the chat or raise hand feature in Zoom to indicate that you have a comment or a question.

File Attachments for Item:

1. Department of Natural Resources Grant - Removal of Understory Fire Fuels. Bill Hunsaker
 - a. Presentation and Discussion



AGENDA MEMO – TREE BOARD

Meeting Date: November 9, 2020
Agenda Item: Department of Natural Resources Grant, Removal of Understory Fire Fuels
Presented By: Bill Hunsaker, Fire chief

Action Required

None.

Explanation of Issue

Fire Chief Bill Hunsaker will present information to the Tree Board regarding removal of understory fire fuels in Gaddis Park and possibly other areas within the city of White Salmon. Grant funds will be coming from Washington Department of Natural Resources.

File Attachments for Item:

2. WSMC 18.35 City Tree Ordinance

a. Discussion

b. Possible Action



AGENDA MEMO – TREE BOARD

Meeting Date: November 9, 2020
Agenda Item: WSMC 18.35 City Tree Ordinance
Presented By: Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

Action Required

Finalize recommended amendments to WSMC 18.35.

Explanation of Issue

The Tree Board has been working on amendments to WSMC 18.35 City Tree Ordinance. Identified amendments and areas that still remain to be addressed are included in the attached draft amendments.

Attached is a list of trees that was developed when the city hired a consultant to develop a management plan for the city's trees. Karen Black-Jenkins also provided the following links for several other possible tree species listings:

From Utah and the intermountain west (higher elevation and possibly colder)
<https://treebrowser.org/?sortby=commonName&filterByType=isTree&action=trees>

Treasure Valley, Idaho (Boise area)
https://docs.idahopower.com/pdfs/EnergyEfficiency/shadeTree/TVTS_guide.pdf

Once the Tree Board has agreed to list of species it will be attached to a resolution adopting the list. At the same time the city council considers the resolution it would also consider the proposed amendments to the WSMC 18.35 City Tree Ordinance. Please review the ordinance and proposed amendments so we can finalize them on Monday.

White Salmon Tree Planting List

Species Name	Common Name	USDA Hardiness Zone	Drought Tolerant	Mature Height x Spread	Minimum Planting Width ¹	Benefits ²	Recommended For
<i>Abies koreana</i>	Horstmann's Korean fir	4-7	Yes	15'x15'	6ft	LL, EG	Pocket parks, LID, Streets
<i>Acer griseum</i>	Paperbark maple	2-9	No	25'x25'	2ft	LL, BF	MUTC Streets
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar maple	1-10	Yes	60'x40'	8ft+	LL, BF	Large parks, Mitigation
<i>Amelanchier grandiflora</i>	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	4-9	Yes	20'x15'	2ft	SL, FL, FR	Pocket parks, Streets
<i>Betula utilis</i>	Himalayan birch	3-11	No	40'x30'	4ft	LL, BF	Parks, Streets
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	Incense cedar	4-8	Yes	40'x15'	8ft+	LL, EG	ROW, Parks
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Northern catalpa	4-8	Yes	60'x40'	8ft	LL, FL	Parkway Streets, Parks
<i>Cedrus libani</i>	Cedar of Lebanon	5-9	Yes	100'x80'	8ft	LL, EG	ROW, Parkway Streets, Parks
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsura tree	2-6	No	40'x40'	4ft	LL, AR	Streets, Parks
<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	Chinese Fringe tree	5-9	Yes	20'x20'	2ft	LL, FL, AR	MUTC Streets
<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	Yellowwood	2-9	Yes	40'x35'	4ft	LL, AR, FL	MUTC Streets, Parks
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Eastern dogwood	2-9	No	25'x30'	2ft	SL, FR, FL	MUTC Streets

¹ 2 ft – 4 ft – 6 ft – 8ft+

² Fruits/food, Flowers/Pollinators, Shade producing, Evergreen, Bark features, Aroma, Long-lived, Short-lived.

Species Name	Common Name	USDA Hardiness Zone	Drought Tolerant	Mature Height x Spread	Minimum Planting Width ¹	Benefits ²	Recommended For
<i>Cupressus glabra</i> <i>'Sulphuera'</i>	Sulphuera Arizona cypress	7-9	Yes	10'x4'	2ft	LL, EG, BF	Pocket parks, Streets
<i>Davidia involucrate</i>	Dove tree	5-8	No	30'x30'	2ft	SL, FL	MUTC Streets, Parks, LID
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>	Thorn-less Honey locust	4-9	Some	70'x40'	6ft	LL, SH	Parkway Streets, Parks
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky coffee tree	3-8	Yes	60'x50'	6ft	LL, BF	Large parks, ROW, LID
<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> <i>'Sky Rocket'</i>	Sky Rocket juniper	4-9	Yes	14'x2'	2ft	LL, FR, EG	MUTC Streets, Pocket Parks
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Goldenrain tree	5-9	Some	30'x25'	4ft	SL, FL	MUTC Streets, Parks
<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	Bay laurel	1-8	No	30'x20'	4ft	SL, FL, FR, EG	Streets, ROW, LID
<i>Lithocarpus densiflorus</i>	Tanbark oak	4-7	No	60'x50'	6ft	LL, EG	Parkway Streets, Parks
<i>Picea omorika</i>	Serbian spruce	4-7	Yes	30'x8'	6ft	SL, FR, EG	LID, ROW, Parks
<i>Picea pungens</i> <i>'Hoopsii'</i>	Hoopsii Colorado blue spruce	2-7	Yes	50'x20'	6ft	LL, FR, EG	LID, ROW, Parks
<i>Pinus cembra</i>	Columnar Swiss Stone pine	4-7	Yes	35'x15'	4ft	LL, EG	LID, ROW, Parks
<i>Pinus contorta</i>	Shore pine	1-7	Yes	45'x30'	6ft	LL, FR, EG	ROW, Mitigation
<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	Limber pine	4-7	Yes	60'x35'	6ft	LL, EG	LID, Parks

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<i>Sophora japonica</i>	Japanese Pagoda tree	4-8	No	60'x60'	8ft	LL, AR	Large parks
<i>Stewartia pseudocamellia</i>	Japanese stewartia	5-8	No	30'x30'	6ft	LL, FL	Parkway streets, ROW, Parks
<i>Styrax japonicus</i>	Japanese snowbell	5-8	No	20'x20'	6ft	SL, FL, BF	Parkway streets, ROW, Parks
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> <i>'Smargaard'</i>	Emerald Green arborvitae	4-8	Yes	20'x5'	6ft	SL, EG	LID, ROW, MUTC Streets
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American basswood, or Linden	2-8	Yes	45'x30'	8ft+	LL, FL	Large parks, Parkway Streets, Mitigation
<i>Zelkova serrata</i> <i>'Musashino</i>	Columnar Japanese zelkova	5-8	No	45'x15'	4ft	LL, FL, BF	ROW, MUTC Streets, Parks
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red oak	3-8	Yes	65'x75'	8ft	LL, SP	Large parks, Parkway streets
<i>Quercus garryana</i>	Oregon white oak	7-9	Yes	80'x80'	8ft+	LL	Large Parks, ROW, Mitigation
<i>Acer macropylum</i>	Bigleaf Maple	5-9	No	80'x100'	8ft+	LL	Large Parks, ROW, Mitigation
<i>Quercus latifolia</i>	Laurel oak	7-9	Yes	40'x50'	6ft+	LL	Large Parks, Parkway Streets
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	Douglas fir	3-7	Yes	200'x80'	8ft+	LL	Large Parks, Mitigation

Chapter 18.35 - CITY TREE ORDINANCE^[2]

Sections:

Footnotes:

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, §§ 1, 2, adopted September 20, 2017, repealed the former Ch. 18.35, §§ 18.35.010—18.35.150, and enacted a new Ch. 18.35 as set out herein. The former Ch. 18.35 pertained to similar subject matter. See Code Comparative Table and Disposition List for complete derivation.

18.35.010 - Definitions.

- (a) **Street Trees:** "Street Trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues, or ways within the city.
- (b) **Park Trees:** "Park trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation in public parks having individual names, and all areas owned by the city, or to which the public has free access as a park.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.020 - Creation and Establishment of a City Tree Board.

There is hereby created and established a City Tree Board for the City of White Salmon, Washington which shall consist of five members, **two of which shall be city council members and three shall be citizens and residents at large** of this city, who shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.030 - Term of Office.

The term of the five persons to be appointed by the mayor shall be three years ~~except that the term of two of the members appointed to the first board shall be for only one year and the term of two members of the first board shall be for two years.~~ In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.040 - Compensation.

Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.050. - Duties and Responsibilities.

It shall be the responsibility of the board to study, investigate, **council and** develop **and/or update annually**, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal

or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. Such plan **shall be reviewed and/or updated biannually, or as needed. All revisions shall will** be presented **annually** to the city council and upon their acceptance and approval shall constitute the official comprehensive city tree plan for the City of White Salmon, Washington.

The board, when requested by the city council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter of question coming within the scope of its work.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.060 - Operation.

The board shall choose its own officers, make its own rules and regulations and keep a journal of its proceedings. A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The city tree board shall be considered a public agency and shall observe the laws relating thereto, primarily those set forth in the Washington Public Meetings Act, RCW Ch. 42.30 and the Washington Public Records Act, RCW Ch. 42.56.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.070 - ~~Street~~ City Tree Species to be Planted.

Following recommendation by the city tree board, the city council shall adopt a list of acceptable and/or prohibited city street trees by a separate resolution referring to this section. The city ~~street~~ tree list may be amended by city council as necessary following recommendation of the city ~~street~~ tree board. No species other than those included in the current city ~~street~~ tree resolution, or (as amended) may be planted as city street trees without written permission of the city tree board.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.080. - Spacing.

The spacing of street city trees will be in accordance with resolution of acceptable city trees. the three species size classes listed in the city street tree resolution, and, unless allowed in advance by the city tree board, no trees may be planted closer together than the following: Small trees, 30 feet; medium trees, 40 feet; and large trees, 50 feet; except in special plantings designed or approved by a landscape architect.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.090 - Distance from Curb and Sidewalk.

The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curblines and sidewalks will be in accordance with the city street tree resolution, or unless allowed in advance by the city tree board and no trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: Small trees, 2 feet; medium trees, 3 feet; and large trees, 4 feet.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.100 - Distance from Street Corners and Fire Hydrants.

No street tree shall be planted closer than 35 feet of any street corner, measured from the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curblines. No street tree shall be planted closer than 10 feet of a fire hydrant.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.110 - Utilities.

No street trees other than those species listed as small trees in Section 18.35.070 may be planted under or within ten lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within five lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission line or other utility.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.120 - Public Tree Care.

The city shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary ~~to insure for public safety. The tree board shall be notified and consulted in a timely manner of any proposals for new plantings or removal of existing trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds. or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds and preserve view corridors to the Columbia River and Mount Hood where, in the discretion of the city tree board, such tree(s) unreasonably interfere with public views. The city tree board may consider private view sheds, but the purpose of this ordinance is to protect public and not private view sheds to tree interference.~~

The city tree board may remove or cause or order to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest.

This Section 18.35.120 does not prohibit the planting of street trees by adjacent property owners providing that the selection and location of said trees is in accordance with Sections 18.35.070 through 18.35.110 of this ordinance. Planting of street trees within the city rights-of-way by adjacent property owners requires a right-of-way permit pursuant to WSMC 12.02.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.130 - Tree Topping.

It shall be unlawful as a normal practice for any person, firm, or city department to top any street tree, park tree, or other tree on public property. Topping is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical may be exempted from this ordinance at the determination of the city tree board.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.140 - Pruning, Corner Clearance.

Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the city shall prune the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of eight feet above the surface of the

street or sidewalk. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public. The city shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light or interferes with sight distance to oncoming traffic or the visibility of any traffic control device or sign or within the clear space of eight feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.150 - Dead or Diseased Tree Removal on Private Property.

The city shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city, when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the city. The city ~~tree board~~ will notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within sixty days after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the city shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owners' property tax notice.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.160 - Removal of Stumps.

All stumps of street and park trees shall be removed below the surface of the ground so that the top of the stump shall not project above the surface of the ground. Gaddis Park shall be exempt from this requirement.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.170 - Interference with City Tree Board.

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the city tree board, or any of its agents, while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying, or removing of any street trees, park trees, or trees on private grounds, as authorized in this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

~~18.35.180 - Arborists License and Bond.~~

~~It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to engage in the business or occupation of pruning, treating, or removing street or park trees within the city without first applying for and procuring a license. The license fee shall be twenty-five dollars annually in advance; provided, however, that no license shall be required of any public service company or city employee doing such work in the pursuit of their public service endeavors. Before any license shall be issued, each applicant shall first file evidence of possession of liability insurance in the minimum amounts of three hundred thousand dollars for bodily injury and one hundred thousand dollars property damage indemnifying the city or any person injured or damaged resulting from the pursuit of such endeavors as herein described. The city may in addition require good and sufficient performance and/or maintenance bonds relating to the work to be performed and for maintenance of the trees for a reasonable time.~~

~~(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)~~

18.35.190 - Review by City Council.

The city council shall have the right to review the conduct, acts and decisions of the city tree board. Any person may appeal from any ruling or order of the city tree board to the city council who may hear the matter and make final decision.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

18.35.200. - Penalty.

Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be, upon conviction or a plea of guilty, subject to a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, plus the city's cost to restore the tree(s) to a pre-violation condition.

(Ord. No. 2017-09-1013, § 2, 9-20-2017)

File Attachments for Item:

3. Education and News

a. Discussion

b. Possible Action



AGENDA MEMO – TREE BOARD

Meeting Date: November 9, 2020
Agenda Item: Education and News
Presented By: Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

Action Required

Direction related to possible website and news articles educating the public about trees.

Explanation of Issue

Previously the Tree Board was submitting articles about trees to The Enterprise. We now have a different newspaper providing the news for the Washington side of the river. I do not know if they are receptive about publishing such articles.

Also, I would like to develop a “Tree Board” webpage as part of the city’s website and am interested in what you would like to see on that page. Initial information I see is the following:

- What does the Tree Board do?
- Who are the members of the Tree Board?
- City’s Tree Management Plans
- Education articles
- Lists of trees