



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 7:00 PM

City Hall, 616 NE 4th Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beel called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Bryan Beel, Frank Hood, Troy Hull, Jim Short, Lloyd Goodlett and Timothy Hein

Excused: Jaima Johnson

Staff Present: Jan Coppola, Cliff Coulter, Sarah Fox, Robert Maul, Alicia Pacheco and David Schultz

Consultant with Davey Resource Group: Ian Scott

Urban Tree Program Ad Hoc Committee Members: Bonnie Carter, Council Liaison; Hunter Decker, Clark County Parks; Cassi Marshall, Parks and Recreation Commission; and Lynn Johnson, Johnson Dairy

III. MINUTES

- A. Approval of the Minutes from the July 18, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting

 [July 18, 2017 Planning Commission Minutes](#)

It was moved by Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Hull to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV. MEETING ITEMS

- A. Status of the Urban Tree Program
- Details: The City was awarded a grant from the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources to develop an Urban Tree Program (Agreement No. IAA 16-338). The grant period runs until May 31, 2018, and is a 50 percent cost share with the City. An initial work plan to develop the Urban Tree Program included: current zoning diagnosis; review of comprehensive plan to ensure the new codes will be consistent; drafting a tree ordinance, including graphics; updating the Design Standards Manual (street tree species); and creating outreach materials that will increase the public's knowledge of tree care and the new ordinance. In support of this project, the City recruited a diverse group of citizens to participate on an ad hoc committee and

contracted with Davey Resource Group. Along with reviewing current codes and the vision within Camas 2035, Davey Resource Group and Staff interviewed key urban forest stakeholders. The feedback from these interviews was used to develop a community survey to better understand public awareness and opinions about trees in Camas. Over 250 community members provided feedback through an online survey that was available March 30 through May 12, 2017. The online survey collected qualitative information about public perception of tree protection, tree species preferences, and about the concept of street tree removal permitting. The ad hoc committee and staff committees have met several times over the past year to review draft code amendments as initially presented by Davey Resource Group. Staff will provide an overview of the status of the project, and then will moderate a discussion between the Commission and members of the Urban Tree Program Ad Hoc Committee.

Presenters: Sarah Fox, Senior Planner and Ian Scott, Davey Resource Group

 [Status of the Proposed Urban Tree Program](#)
[Tree Program Status Presentation given by Staff](#)

Sarah Fox introduced Consultant, Ian Scott and the members of the Urban Tree Ad Hoc Committee. She reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation and engaged the Commissioners in a lengthy discussion. The Commissioners stressed the importance of public outreach and communication.

V. MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

A. Miscellaneous Updates

Robert Maul provided an update to the Commissioners on current development proposals.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Beel adjourned the public meeting at 8:25 p.m.

NOTE: The City of Camas welcomes and encourages the participation of all of its citizens in the public meeting process. A special effort will be made to ensure that persons with special needs have opportunities to participate. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 360.817.1574.