

**CITY OF COOS BAY  
MINUTES OF THE TREE BOARD  
December 5, 2013**

**Tree Board members present:** Chairman Rex Miller, Jake Robinson, Ariann Lyons, Cora Vandervelden and Mike Vaughan

**Tree Board members absent:** Beth Clarkson and Kim Singh

**Staff Present:** Randy Dixon, Jon Eck, Pam Patton

**Guest:** Skip Shipman with Trees Inc., and Ralph Mohr for 1165 Ferguson

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**4:05pm - Call to Order – Roll Call and Approval of Minutes - April 4 and August 14**

**April 4, 2013**

**MOTION:** Cora Vandervelden approved with one correction, remove the apostrophe s in the word 'that' on page 3.

**SECOND:** Ariann Lyons

**VOTE:** Ayes, Unanimous, motion carried

**August 14, 2013**

**MOTION:** Cora Vandervelden approved as read

**SECOND:** Ariann Lyons

**VOTE:** Ayes, motion carried

**New Business:**

1. **603 S 11th St.** – Jeffery Reese – Mr. Ralph Mohr attended the meeting to represent Jeffery Reese who was out of town. We received a letter from Mr. Reese requesting that 2 Maples be evaluated for their historic and ascetic impact. Skip Shipman of Trees Inc., who has the contract with PP&L to do their line maintenance, looked at the tree and agreed the center of the tree had been cut as the lines go down through the middle of the tree. They use the natural target pruning method and he could not locate any good targets to try rounding over the growth as requested. To attempt would require heading cuts that would cause water shoots and die back from those limbs allowing rot to begin and the tree(s) would be in decline.

Mr. Mohr representing Mr. Reese handed out pictures along with overview of the trees, some type of small leaf Maple, and expressed their hope to save them and be designated as a Heritage tree(s). They thought the trees were around 60 to 80 years old. Originally there had been four trees. Mr. Mohr is also asking for a recommendation to PP&L that the owner came before the Tree Board requesting Heritage status. Mr. Reese and/or Mr. Mohr will be requesting PP&L to reroute the power line(s) to keep the trees from further maintenance pruning and stop further damage to the trees. There was question as to how many lines were involved.

Also the cherry tree will be removed. Jon agreed to yank the concrete allowing time for Mr. Mohr to do the root trimming. Bob Vandervelden is scheduled to replace the sidewalk. It was suggested to repair waterline with a product called Pex that might give it more longevity.

Jake Robinson approves the removal of the concrete by the City and let the arborist determine and put it in writing if tree is healthy or remove as a possible life/safety.

The Board will table removal request for a future meeting, if necessary, based on the arborist's determination.

DISCUSSION: \*\* Jon has tentatively scheduled Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to pull up the concrete for the Board to observe and also to allow the arborist to inspect the tree.

**Board Member Comments:** No Board Comments as the meeting was running over

**Staff Comments:**

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Patton

**APPROVED BY THE TREE BOARD ON THE 9th DAY OF January, 2014.**

Attest:

  
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Pamela Patton, Staff

  
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Rex Miller, Chair