

Minutes of the
PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Council Chambers

Members: Stacy Benefield, Anita Dueber and Tom Landrum in person. Betty Gearen and Les Sinclair via Zoom

Absent:

Staff: Assistant Public Works Director Trevor Mount, Parks Division Utility AJ Welliver, Parks Specialist Kirk Anderson, Recorder Jennifer Barrett and Administrative Assistant Sheri Skotland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Benefield called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee considered the Minutes of February 20, 2024.

Motion: Dueber moved to approve the amended meeting minutes of February 20, 2024 Landrum seconded the motion.

Vote: Dueber, Sinclair, Gearen, Landrum, and Benefield voted: AYE. The vote was 5:0 in favor and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

4. DISCUSSION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Monthly State of the Parks Report

Kirk to report proposal for playground equipment and will maintain for safety landscape new plant station 25 yards wood chips on playground. Tolovana Park 10 Yards of topsoil on Hemlock SW corner, flush with sidewalk. Strip of flower bed, continued with tree pruning over on Madison Park have finished painting bird houses, AJ painted and will be putting up throughout.

B. ROW Tree Removals

Was a lot of them, Jeff recommended replanting them. So far have planted a wax myrtle, and set to do plant backs.

Received Tree USA and will like to later discuss the planting and photo that will go out.

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C. Tree Focus Group

D.

Two weeks ago will be taking to City Council April 2nd.

Workability with community and has had great feedback with city arborist.

Will be a public process after City council accepts the recommendation.

March 12th meeting is next working committee for Tree Group

E. Community Grants

Have been posted, only have had 2 contacts gave them the information needed.

May 22nd was a change on the Calendar timeline.

F. Heritage Trees Program

How to assess the health of the trees, Les has worked on what is an acceptable tree. Risk assessment by arborist.

Any tree big enough to and appropriate needs to be ready to accept some tree life but keep in mind safety to public.

General risk bar to be low. Where tree is located, what flaws they may have. May need to look at this differently and have a new discussion.

Having time to go through and cover bases before naming a tree.

Mount will scan what trees have been looked at and send over reports to committee.

G. Monthly Reserve Cleanup

Amazing work was done. working next Fir Street bridge 13th of April will be the clean-up. Need to get the word out. Concerned that would take away from the SOLVE Beach clean up on the 20th. So will be moving the date.

NeCu's Park- for parking. Spruce right of way, so that they know where to park. Can work all along that right of way. Drag the debris off the trail and Parks will pick it up. On the field in the park just south of the trail. Focus on the Spruce trees, so they don't get buried in blackberries. AJ has trimmed around the tree so you can see them. Once we take out the invasive. We may need to replant the areas that we clear. Site visit so that we can plant back. Will be planting some cedar trees back in Monroe.

H. 12 Days of Earth Day

Benefield reported the date had been set for, calendar – Next meeting will be during the 12 days

10th Wednesday- Friends of Haystack

11th - Thursday stickers for Trees USA – 11 AM north side and then the south side

12th - Friday – currently free

13th – Saturday – HRAP Puffin Welcome. Trail Cleanup. Paper making class

14th - Sunday – Ceda bank film with Friends of Haystack

15th - Monday- Free
16th - Tuesday – 1:00 PM – south end of town, where the Cannon is located.
17th - Wednesday – Gaylord Nelson award 6 pm history center
18th - Thursday
19th - 10 -2 Cannon Beach Shreds
20th - Saturday -Street fair – Parade
21st - Sunday is final day- Sign up for classes at the Cannon Beach History center site.

Notify business owners, 1 pm meet at the restroom on Monday the 15th.

Mount to get with Dueber and notify the businesses of the street fair. Meet at 10 to set up.
Parks committee meeting, bring team for the street fair to help set up tents and tables.

Gearen working on the street fair. Reached out to individuals that were there last year.

Worm compost demo
Trash art – teach how to wrap things with fabric. Envelops with seeds decoupage containers.
Nature crowns
Native plants
Garden Club – giving out sees, master gardener coming to talk. Making seed balls, with native flowers
Hart of Carb – spectacular spectacles
Pacific Power – Handing out trees
History – will be joining us
Demonstrating proper tree planting.
Friends of Haystack
HRAP
Friends of trees
Seaside Aquarium

Encourage them to bring their own tents and tables.

I. SITE VISIT

Heading to the reserve for placement of signs for trails. This is to protect cities, working with legislators.

9:35 am will head to the reserve

5. GOOD OF THE ORDER

6. ADJOURN IN FIELD

Benefield adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Sheri Skotland , Recorder



CITY OF CANNON BEACH

Heritage Tree Program

Purpose

Trees are important to Cannon Beach, and The City has established a Tree Board as a part of the Parks and Community Services committee to recommend specific trees within Cannon Beach to the city council for recognition as Heritage Trees because of their size, age, historical significance, or other salient characteristics.

Process

Any Cannon Beach resident or organization may nominate a tree, on either private or public property, for Heritage Tree listing by submitting a nomination to the Tree Board. The Tree board with guidance from the city staff and city arborist shall either approve the nomination and submit it to the city council, or return it to with reasons for rejection or request for further information or justification.

Upon recommendation of the Tree Board, the City Council may designate a tree as a Heritage Tree provided the tree's health, aerial space, and open ground area for the root system have been certified as sufficient.

If the city council approves the nomination, the tree shall be added to the official list of Cannon Beach Heritage Trees on the City Web site.

Maintenance of a Heritage Tree

It is recommended that the City Arborist or a practicing Certified Arborist carry out periodic visual tree inspections of Heritage Trees. If there are signs or areas of concern, diagnostic inspection can determine if any follow-up action is required.

A permit from the City of Cannon Beach is required before pruning, removing, inoculating, or doing any other tree work on a Heritage Tree, whether the tree is in the City right-of-way or on private property.

A Heritage Tree can only be approved for removal if it is dead, dying, or dangerous. The Tree Board and Cannon Beach City Council must formally decommission the tree before a permit can be issued for removal.

Heritage Tree Criteria

Historical Value A tree may be associated with a notable local or regional historical event, person, structure, or landscape. Almost every tree that has been around for a while has some historical significance, whether it is recognized or not. Determining whether the historical significance of a given tree is sufficiently notable is therefore a subjective matter.

Cultural Value A huge variety of cultural values and symbolic functions are ascribed to the world's tree species. Particular trees have a sacred status, are used in rituals, provide ingredients for cultural dishes or have symbolic importance for ethnicity, identity and connection to a place. Ex., Trees that play a central role in stories, myths and histories; Certain trees mark the location for social gatherings and political meetings or provide ingredients for a number of food dishes of cultural importance.

Size Some component of tree size, most frequently trunk diameter, may be used to define a special status tree. Most commonly, a given diameter at 54 inches above grade (i.e., diameter at breast height or DBH) is used as the size standard. Additional rules may be needed to handle trees that are multi-trunked or branch below 4.5 ft. Other components of tree size, such as maximum canopy spread or height, may also be considered in conjunction with tree diameter. Because the relationships between DBH and canopy spread or DBH and tree age vary by species, different tree diameter standards may be applied to different species.

Age Especially old trees are a link to the past, so many definitions of special status trees include age as a criterion. In practice, tree age is fairly difficult to determine in standing trees unless documentation of tree age exists from historical accounts, photographs, or associations with historical structures. Tree age is sometimes inferred from tree size, especially DBH. However, the relationship between age and DBH varies with species, site quality, management history, and other factors, so DBH is usually only a crude estimator of tree age.

Botanical/Horticultural/Arboriculture/Biological Value Species - Special status may be conferred only to certain species of trees. Special status trees are often, but not always, important locally native species or trees that are associated with the character of a community. Certain species that are relatively rare in an area, whether native or not, may also be granted special status.

Ecological Value - All trees serve a variety of ecological functions. Certain trees or groups of trees may have especially high ecological value because of their location, size, species, and/or condition. For example, a given tree may be an important roost, nesting site, or food source for certain wildlife species; it may be situated in a site where it plays a critical role in stabilizing soil or providing shade needed by other plant or animal species; it may be an important genetic resource for a local tree population or the species as a whole.



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Cannon Beach Heritage Tree Nomination Form

	Person Nominating Tree	Property Owner (if different)
Name		
Address		
Email		

Signature of property owner giving approval of nomination: _____ Date _____

TREE DESCRIPTION

1. Check one: Single tree ____ Stand of trees ____ If a stand, how many: ____

2. Species of tree (common or scientific name): _____

3. Location (street address): _____

4. Is the tree on public or private property? _____

5. HERITAGE TREE CHARACTERISTICS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Attach at least one recent photo of the tree(s).

- For a tree to be designated "*Heritage*" it must have one or more of the following attributes.

Age: (In years)

0-20 21-50 51-75 76-100 101+

Size in Height: (In feet from ground to top of tree.) Please check box below

0-20 21-50 51-75 76-100 101+

Diameter of Trunk in Inches: (DBH measured at 54 inches above the ground) Please check box below

0-10 11-20 21-30 31-50 51-70 71+

Size of Canopy: (From edge to edge of tree canopy in feet) Please check box below

0-20 21-50 51-75 76-100 101+

Additional Heritage Qualities of this tree are: Please check all that apply.

Historic Value Cultural Value Botanical / Horticultural / Arboriculture / Biological Value

Please explain why this tree is worthy of Heritage Tree status. (Attach additional sheets as necessary)

Return completed application forms to: CITY OF CANNON BEACH

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12 Days of Earth Day

April 10-21, 2024

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- Wednesday, 10th.. 6pm Friends of Haystack Rock Nature Talks
C. Wold Protecting Public Access to Oregon Shores
- Thursday, 11th..11am Tree City USA Celebration
- Friday, 12th..12pm Haystack Rock Awareness Program
- Saturday, 13th.. 8am HRAP "Puffin Welcome" till noon
- 10am Trail Cleaning @ Les Shirley Park
- 2pm Paper Making Class
- Sunday, 14th.. 1pm Heceta Bank film and panel discussion
- Monday, 15th.. FREE DAY Save the Earth in your own way!
- Tuesday, 16th.. 1pm Tree Planting w/ Cannon Beach Academy
- Wednesday, 17th.. 6pm Gaylord Nelson Film and Award Ceremony
- Thursday, 18th.. 9am Parks and Community Services Committee meeting
- 4pm Cannon Beach History Center & Museum
Bonnie Henderson Myth and Science on a Restless Coast
- Friday, 19th..10am Shred Event
- Saturday, 20th..10am SOLVE Beach Clean Up
- 11am Earth Day Parade
- 11am Earth Day Street Fair
- Sunday, 21st..10am Fermenting Class
- 2pm Soap Making Class

Every Day HRAP Guides on the Beach

Times Vary www.haystackrockawareness.com/schedule

We hope you'll join us by doing something in honor of our beloved earth. You can celebrate 12 Days of Earth from near or far! Please follow the QR code or web address below for the latest information.



Hosted by the
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Parks & Community
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www.12DaysCannonBeach.com