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**CFC Meeting Minutes October 13, 2021
Zoom Community Auditorium**

Minutes Approved by CFC on November 10, 2021

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Michael Howell at 5:32 p.m. noting a quorum was present

Present: Mark Nakajima, Michael Howell, Bruce Countryman, David Hunter, Declan Lynch, Jeremy Sapp

Absent: Jen Warren

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Guest Present: Katie Lompa, Oregon Department of Forestry, TVCTV

- 1.A. **Approval of Minutes:**

Declan moved and Bruce seconded a motion to approve the June 16, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **CFC Discussion:**

- a) **Tree City USA, Katie Lompa (Oregon Department of Forestry):** Katie Lompa, Community Assistance Forester with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) provided a presentation focusing on community forestry resources available from ODF. Katie noted ODF is a free resource for incorporated cities in Oregon. Katie provided an overview of the ODF website and the Community Tree Connections Newsletter. Katie highlighted the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Growth Award available to communities that are Tree City USAs. Katie noted Forest Grove is three growth awards away from qualifying as a Sterling Tree City. Katie encouraged the City to submit a Tree Growth Award application this year.
- b) **Community Forestry Annual Plan Ideas for Calendar Year 2022:** The Commission began discussing project ideas for Calendar Year 2022. Mark suggested the CFC participate in the City's Sesquicentennial celebration to be held in 2022. Mark mentioned the prominent Sequoia tree located at the corner of Pacific Avenue and B Street should be recognized as part of the sesquicentennial. Project ideas for 2022 will be discussed further in November.
- c) **Main Street Tree Replanting:** Dan noted the City will be replacing the street trees removed along Main Street between 21st Avenue and Pacific Avenue. Dan mentioned David reviewed possible tree options to narrow the planting list to three varieties. Options include Acer blaze, Acer Bowhall, and Zelkova

Serrate. Dan contacted the businesses and owners adjacent to the tree planting locations to get their preferences.

3. **Council Liaison Report:** Councilor Kottkey briefly updated Commissioners on City Council matters.
4. **Staff Liaison Report:**
5. **Commissioner Communications:** David noted he prepared a tree risk report for the Parks and Recreation Director for a tree at Rogers Park.
6. **Adjournment and Announcement of Next Meeting:** The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Riordan
Staff Liaison to the CFC