

Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2004
Hoyt Arboretum, Portland, Oregon

Present: Al Tocchini (Chair), Arne Nyberg (Vice Chair), Peter McDonald, Nancy Appling, Maynard Drawson, Amy Gillette, Lowell Tiller, Doug Grafe, Fred Nilsen, Pat Moran, Josh Ingle (for Todd Davidson), Merrill Jensen (for Paul Ries)

Absent: Excused: Charlotte Lehan, Walt Schroeder, Amy Jo Waldo, Susan Schneider

Staff: Jim Renner, Angie Picha

1. Introductions

Al Tocchini called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Committee members made self-introductions.

2. Approval of 10/17/03 meeting minutes

Arne moved that the minutes be accepted; Nancy seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted.

3. Old/New Business

A. 2004 Dedication events

1. Flavel Trees – Statewide Dedication in Astoria

Jim reported that at the suggestion of the Committee to move the next Statewide Dedication out of the Willamette Valley area, he met with staff at the Flavel House in Astoria to discuss the possibility of holding the dedication there. The site will accommodate the dedication very well and the museum offered to open the Flavel House for a reception after the ceremony. The statewide dedication event will be held the first week of April, the 8th, 9th or 10th. The keynote speaker for the event is still being finalized.

Arne made the motion to hold the statewide Heritage Tree Dedication at the Flavel Trees site. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Frank Lockyear Memorial Grove – Estacada

Jim has been working with Molly McKnight. Due to the remote location of this site in the Mt Hood Nat'l Forest, the plaque will be located at the Estacada Ranger District Visitors Center. It will be a 9"x12" indoor plaque. Due to the savings because of being an indoor plaque, an on-site sign will be installed at the location of the grove. There will be a meeting February 13th to decide the date for the local dedication of the site.

3. Benedictine Sisters' Sequoia – Mt. Angel

The Benedictine Foundation is planning the dedication event to coincide with their annual dinner that will be held June 1st. The ceremony will precede the dinner. It is anticipated that the guest speaker at the dinner will reflect the dedication theme.

4. Pow-Wow Tree - Gladstone

The Pow Wow Tree sustained damage due to the snow and ice storm at the beginning of January; a root crown excavation took place on January 21st. At the Gladstone Parks and Recreation Board meeting on January 26th, a decision will be made as to how to proceed with the future of the tree.

Arne made the motion to table the dedication effort for 2004 and re-evaluate the dedication for 2005. The motion was also made to give strong support to the effort of the continued existence of the Pow Wow Tree by offering both financial support and the expertise of the committee. Fred seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Committee Membership – Eastern Oregon vacancy

Josh Ingle of OECDD attended the meeting in place of Todd Davidson. Todd has had continual schedule conflicts that has made it difficult to attend the Heritage Tree meetings. With Josh's background it was recommended that he would be a good candidate to step into Todd's position. The committee unanimously ruled to accept Josh as Todd's replacement.

Jim spoke with Susan Schneider. She was not able to make the meeting and requested that she not continue on with the committee due to other extensive commitments. She recommended a replacement for herself: Tony Dorsch. Tony has an extensive background in Biology and is interested in becoming part of the committee. The committee unanimously ruled to accept Tony as Sue's replacement.

Al informed the committee that there continues to be a vacancy for the Eastern Oregon position on the Heritage Tree Committee and asked if any suggestions come to mind, let him know.

4. Updates and Reports

A. Financial Report

Jim reported that the Heritage Tree Fund is currently valued at \$26,808. Heritage Tree notecard sales activity has been about \$200 in internet sales and \$200 in direct sales. The Heritage Tree program receives about 25% of gross sales, which equals about \$100 in profit thus far. An ODF Small Project Funds grant was awarded to the Heritage Tree program that will cover the cost of this year's dedication plaques.

B. Fox 12 Garden Show

The video was shown at the end of the meeting.

C. Reports from Members

Jim reported that the Bly Ranger District submitted a nomination form for The Mitchell Monument Shrapnel Tree and Japanese Cherry Trees. Nancy will evaluate the trees. Also submitted is a Poplar tree located in Aumsville, Al will evaluate this location. Reports on the nominations will be presented at the next meeting.

Nancy reported that her program is going very well and any one knowing of a need for a speaker on the Forbidden Fruit presentation or Oregon Heritage Trees pass them along to her and she will coordinate it.

5. 2004 Meeting Schedule

A. Schedule July and October meetings

The Friday, July 23rd meeting will be hosted by Nancy Appling in Ashland. The Friday, October 29th meeting will be hosted by Peter McDonald at his hazelnut farm in Wilsonville.