

**Heritage Tree Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 29, 2004**  
**McDonald residence, Wilsonville, Oregon**

**Present:** Arne Nyberg (Chair), Paul Ries (Vice Chair), Nancy Appling, Maynard Drawson, Amy Gillette, Doug Grafe, Charlotte Lehan, Peter McDonald, Mollie McKnight, Fred Nilsen, Lowell Tiller, Al Tocchini

**Absent:** Unexcused: Tony Dorsch, Josh Ingle, Pat Moran, Walt Schroeder

**Staff:** Jim Renner

**Guests:** Cynthia Orlando

**1. Introductions**

Arne Nyberg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and thanked Peter McDonald for hosting the meeting at his home; all present thanked Arne for catering lunch. Paul Ries was also thanked for showing his Power Point presentation on Oregon Heritage Trees before the start of the business meeting; Paul is making copies of the show to be available to others on the committee to show to groups. Committee members and guests made self-introductions.

**2. Approval of 7/23/04 meeting minutes**

Al moved that the minutes be accepted; Amy seconded the motion; the minutes were accepted.

**3. Committee Membership**

A. County Representative position

Arne announced that Mollie McKnight was given the support of the Clackamas County Forest Program to apply for the vacant County Representative position and that she has submitted her committee interest form for consideration. Al moved to nominate Mollie to be elected to the committee; Amy seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

B. Eastern Oregon position

Jim reported that Tim Nitz, Manager of the Oregon/Washington units of Nez Perce National Historical Park, has submitted his committee interest form for consideration and distributed copies of the form. Paul moved to nominate Tim to be elected to the committee; Maynard seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Heritage Tree Nominations**

A. Peg Tree, Lake Oswego (tabled 7/23/04)

Al moved to reconsider the tabled nomination of the Peg Tree; Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The committee reviewed a letter of support submitted by Judie Hammerstad, Mayor of Lake Oswego, and information about the Peg Tree compiled by the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs in 1976 submitted by Mollie McKnight.

It was generally felt that the Peg Tree was qualified for committee consideration because it represented “a significant and distinguishable entity” within the community of Lake Oswego. However, the committee was also concerned that there is a lack of evidence for the other consideration criteria to support state heritage tree status. The basic question remained whether it could be documented that holding meetings under the Peg Tree was representative of a common practice that would meet the criteria that the tree is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history. Cynthia Orlando, Molly McKnight, and Nancy Appling volunteered to look for information that documents the practice of holding meetings under a landmark tree. Peter moved to table the nomination until the January committee meeting; Charlotte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. New Business

Peter reported that it was the intent of Jeff Olsen, OSU Extension Horticulturalist, to submit a heritage tree nomination for the Dorris Ranch to coincide with the 2005 centennial of the first commercial hazelnut orchard in Oregon. Unfortunately, Jeff was not advised of the October 1, 2004 deadline for the Dorris Ranch nomination to be considered for the class of 2005 dedication events. Paul moved that the committee waive the October 1 deadline for consideration of both the Dorris Ranch and the Peg Tree nominations for eligibility to the class of 2005 at the January meeting; Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Updates and Reports

### A. 2004 Heritage Tree Dedications

Jim reported on the success of the Pow Wow Tree dedication held August 7, 2004. Speakers included Gladstone Mayor Wade Byers, historian Herb Beals, and Norm Peters and Kahni Schultz of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. Paul said that General Tree Service was given a major industry award for their pro bono work saving the tree after last winter's ice storm.

Arne and Mollie reported on the Frank Lockyear Cedar Grove dedication held October 22, 2004. Speakers included Arne Nyberg, Don Potter of ReTree International, and Ed Buursma of USDA Forest Service. Jim said that Fox 12 TV will feature the grove on a segment of Good Day Lifestyles in November.

### B. 2005 Statewide Dedication Event

The committee made an initial review of potential locations for the 2005 event. It was noted that the Mitchell Monument may still be in snow during Oregon Arbor week in April and the Hoover-Minthorn House is planning its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Dorris Ranch or the Peg Tree may be possible locations if their nominations are approved at the January meeting. Jim reported that a graft of the Hager Grove Pear propagated by the USDA/ARS National Clonal Germplasm Repository in Corvallis is available for planting at an April 2005 event. Paul said that there is a good possibility that this tree could be planted on the grounds near the ODF museum building on State Street in Salem with the Hager Grove Pear tree plaque and photo being displayed in the museum.

### C. Reports from Members

Paul reported that a nomination identifying a representative tree from the Tillamook Burn may be submitted next year.

Doug said he is looking for Myrtle trees that would make a good nomination. It was suggested that he consider the Myrtle grove with interpretive walk located in Coquille.

Mollie reported that she is working on a nomination for the Barlow House Walnut Grove south of Canby.

Paul said he is coordinating a series of Arbor Week tree tours to occur at 2:00 PM on Sunday April 3, 2005. One of these tours could include the Oregon Heritage Trees located in Salem.

### D. TIC Report

Jim reported that the current value of the Heritage Tree Fund is \$26,910. The committee then reviewed Article VII, Section 4, Heritage Committees, of the new proposed Bylaws of TIC. It was suggested that the Chair of the Heritage Tree Committee attend a Council meeting annually to report directly on the committee's activities to the Council.

## 7. 2005 Meeting Schedule

Meetings in 2005 will be on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Hoyt Arboretum in Portland; then July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport; then October 21<sup>st</sup> at a location to be announced.