

**Heritage Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2003**

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

Absent: Todd Davidson, Susan Harless, Peter McDonald, Pat Moran, Walt Schroeder, Amy Jo Waldo

Staff: Jim Renner, Angie Picha

1. Introductions

Al Tocchini called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and thanked Fred Nilsen for hosting the meeting at the Hoyt Arboretum. Committee members made self-introductions. Jim Renner introduced Nancy Appling and Angie Picha. Nancy is a Horticulturist and lecturer from Medford, Oregon. Nancy has applied to become a member of the Heritage Tree Committee. Angie Picha is staff from the TIC office and is going to be assisting with the heritage programs.

2. Approval of 10/18/02 meeting minutes

Arne moved that the minutes be accepted; Paul seconded. The motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

3. TIC Report

Jim Renner advised that due to budget issues, he has not been able to use Julie Porter as support for the heritage programs. At this point the budget issue has not improved. With the 2003-2005 budget, it is being proposed to make the heritage programs more self-sufficient. TIC will still cover the administrative costs of the program, but the actual direct costs, such as newsletters, plaques and brochures, need to have an outside funding source.

Jim also reported that the Heritage Tree Fund is currently valued at \$26,218. The fund was established by an endowment of \$24,000 given by Gertrude Bradbury and is invested in a Municipal Investor account at US Bank. The balance of funds above \$24,000 is available for Heritage Tree program projects.

Paul Ries shared that the \$1750 grant for covering cost of the five Heritage Tree Plaques for the dedications this year has been approved.

4. Committee Membership

Paul Ries nominated Nancy Appling for membership on the Heritage Tree Committee to fill the vacant At-Large position; Arne Nyberg seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

5. Heritage Tree Nominations

A. FRANK LOCKYEAR WESTERN REDCEDAR MEMORIAL GROVE (Approved)

Jim Renner distributed photos of the grove, a biographical book of Frank Lockyear, and then showed video footage of Frank Lockyear at the original planting of 500 trees in 1934 and footage from 1987 when Frank revisited the grove of trees. The committee discussed the significance and documentary evidence of this grove being the first tree plantings of Lockyear's illustrious career and suggested taking

GPS readings to define the boundaries of the grove and requesting a core sample be taken to verify the age of selected trees.

Paul called for nomination of the Redcedar Grove for Heritage Tree status; Arne seconded the motion. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Al, Amy, and Paul volunteered to meet with Tom Ortman and a representative from the US Forest Service to visit the grove to identify and define the trees for program recognition. It was also recommended that a photographer accompany the troupe for documentation.

6. Updates and Reports

A. STATEWIDE DEDICATION IN SALEM

Jim reported that the dedication of the Star Trees of Willamette University and the Moon Tree is set tentatively set for Tuesday, April 8 at 1:30 pending agreement from Secretary of State Bill Bradbury. He also reported that Cheryl Gribskov, TIC Executive Director and Craig Tutor, TIC Development & Marketing Manager would be taking on the coordination of the event. Paul Ries volunteered to work as a committee liaison with Cheryl and Craig on the event.

A. B. LOCAL DEDICATIONS

1. VICTORY WAY - LAGRANDE

Brian Kelly informed Jim that the City of La Grande wishes to hold the dedication of the Victory Way Tree during Arbor Week. They are looking at April 9, 10 or 11. They plan to hold the event at Greenwood School, which is the site of one of the original Norway maple trees; this is also the location they plan on installing the plaque.

2. INDIAN VILLAGE GROVE – WALLOWA WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Dave Clark reported to Jim that they are planning a dedication event. They are looking at July 19 for the dedication and are planning it in conjunction with the Tamkaliks Nez Perce festival, which is also that weekend. Dave is meeting with the Tribal elders to clarify where they wish to have the ceremony and plaque installed.

3. MONTEREY CYPRESS - BROOKINGS

Norma Fitzgerald reported to Jim that the dedication ceremony is planned for the afternoon of Saturday, July 26. She invited the Heritage Tree Committee to hold their July meeting in Brookings and attend the event.

7. Old Business/ New Business

OLD BUSINESS

No old Business was introduced.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim announced the launch of the new TIC web-site, www.oregontic.com. Heritage Trees are showcased on the site, which also includes is the heritage program brochure and the application materials for nominating a tree.

8. Next Meeting

The July meeting is set for the morning of July 26 in Brookings, the meeting will be held in conjunction with the Monterey Cypress dedication. The October meeting will include the annual luncheon and will be hosted by Amy Gillette at the Silver Falls State Park Conference Center.