

Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board, Connell, Washington
Monday, April 18, 2016

Members present: Ken Sellereite, Kim Phanthavong, Becky Daggett

Absent: Linda Bailie, Manuel Galvez

City Officials: Jeb Crowther, Mayor Bruce Blackwell, Garth Davis, city arborist

Meeting began at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Distributed copies of Ordinance No. 963-2016 that establishes the Tree Advisory Board for the City of Connell. This was adopted by the city council on Jan. 4, 2016.

Ken presented information on a seminar, "Quality Trees, Quality Cities" by the Washington DNR. It will be held in Richland on Wednesday, June 1, 8:30-1:00. Ken stated that he had attended a similar seminar before and that it was very informative. He encouraged members to try to attend. See Ken to register.

An Arbor Day celebration is planned for Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. at Striker Park. Kim will be transplanting a tree from in front of the M&M motel to an appropriate place in Striker Park. Along with this demonstration, Ken will be educating the public on the correct way to plant/transplant a tree. He will also discuss proper pruning of trees. An invitation and information about this event will be in the Graphic prior to April 30.

Ken will be talking with the local Garden Club about trees next Tuesday, April 26th.

A hard copy of Ken's power point presentation, "Columbia Avenue Tree Recommendations" was handed out.

Ken has been meeting with various city workers and looking at the trees on Columbia Avenue. The plums are aging and need to be replaced. The maples are pushing up sidewalks and curbs.

There was discussion concerning the watering and feeding of the trees. Deep watering and proper feeding are seen as essential to good tree growth.

It was decided that we should select a list of 4 types of trees that would be appropriate for Columbia Avenue. There should be different sizes of trees and include varieties that bloom at different times. We also need to make recommendations concerning a good watering system.

It was also discussed that business owners should be given a choice between the 4 trees so that they have trees that enhance their business property.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.