

Sandpoint Tree Committee  
MINUTES  
8:00 AM Monday, October 17, 2016  
City Hall

Present: Bob Wilson (Chair), Rich Del Carlo, Sharon Lewis, Gail Lyster, City Forester Jared Yost

**I. Approval of Minutes for September 19, 2016 -**

Sharon/Gail moved to approve the minutes as written. Motion carries.

**II. New Business**

**A. *Tree removal request for tree at 521 N 6th Ave.***

Norway maple on edge of driveway has been declining for several years.

Rich/Sharon moved to approve the removal after reviewing the condition, and not to recommend replanting a new tree due to location limitations. Motion carries.

**B. *Tree removal in ROW at north end of airport***

A large number of trees adjacent to the airport along N. Boyer were deemed unsafe by the FAA.

Sharon/Rich moved to approve the removal of ROW trees at the north end of the airport; furthermore to request planting of native shrubs in a one-to-one ratio for every tree removed in order to mitigate the loss of the trees, curb the establishment of invasive weed species, and assist in groundwater management. Recommended native shrub species that will not exceed 25' in height and are suitable for the existing habitat include Rocky Mountain maple (*Acer glabrum*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*), western mountain-ash (*Sorbus scopulina*), chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*), Douglas spirea (*Spiraea douglasii*). Additionally, stump grinding is not recommended due to the disturbance the equipment would cause. The mitigation plan should be reviewed by the City Forester prior to implementation. Motion carries.

**III. Old Business**

**A. *Neighborwoods update***

Jared and Bob conducted a tree care workshop for this year's participants on Oct. 6. 12-15 people attended. Jared briefed additional enrollees on the program and anticipates at least 40 trees will be planted this year.

**B. *City Tree Ordinance - Heritage Tree Program***

Bob distributed a summary of our next planning step. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**IV. Next Meeting - November 21, 2016**