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AUMSVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING / AUMSVILLE TREE BOARD Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order in the Aumsville Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. The evening's meeting is a Tree Board meeting. Commissioners present were Vicky Barber, Dan Kluver, Russell Snow and Citizen Representative Carrie Murphy. Staff present were Public Works Director Steve Oslie (PW Dir Oslie) and Executive Assistant Lora Hofmann (EA Hofmann).

Work Session:

Prior to PW Dir Oslie's arrival, the board discussed setting up a Memorial Tree Program and possibly planning a specific area in a future park. There was discussion of possibly a "reflection area" with a possible reflection pond, a bench or two, and trees with a plaque listing specific dedications. After PW Dir Oslie's arrival, he shared the idea of a bronze tree sculpture with memorial "leaves."

The board was asked to share their favorite tree and what they would recommend for a street tree. It was noted that crabapples are not good because of dropping fruit. They were in agreement that 25 feet maximum height is best for street trees. They talked about the difference between street trees and trees that just property trees.

"Root block" was discussed. They were in agreement it should be required. PW Dir Oslie said there are different ideas about the best way to use it. How deep should it be required? How close to the root ball? What is a good set back from sidewalks? If the city regulates setbacks from sidewalk, what if a tree root destroys sidewalk?

They considered whether they wanted new subdivisions to be lined with the exact same tree or a mixture of trees. It was noted that Japanese Maples are great street trees. They thought a columnar tree should be added to the mix and that spacing of trees should be measured from "canopy" to "canopy" as opposed to measuring from tree's trunk to trunk.

They discussed classes for tree owners about maintenance and who was responsible for maintenance of street trees in the public right of way. They would like to get advertisement out for Tree Board members, get them appointed. It was noted the

ordinance establishes three meetings a year. The next meeting to talk about Tree Board will be the end of November or first part of December.

NEXT MEETING - October 25, 2018 for Site Development Review hearing.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:35 pm without objection.

Dan Kluver, Planning Chair

ATTEST:

Lora Hofmann, Executive Assistant