

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Shade Tree Council
Thursday, February 26, 2015 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Vice Chair – Gianna Shirk Member – Gary Borst
Member – Terrill Ozawa Member – Jens Peermann
Member – Roy Trenoweth

Staff

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:31:30) – Vice Chairperson Shirk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Gianna Shirk	Present	
Gary Borst	Present	
Terrill Ozawa	Present	
Jens Peermann	Present	
Roy Trenoweth	Present	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:32:04) – Tom Henderson introduced himself as a former member of the Shade Tree Council and the current owner of Healthy Trees, and invited everyone to attend a tree pruning seminar at Greenhouse Garden Center on March 14, 2015. He also encouraged the Parks and Recreation Department to work closely with the Public Works Department regarding hazardous street trees such as those with hanging limbs.

(5:33:45) – Travis Unruh Owner of Green Lizard Landscape explained the benefits of xeriscaping. He also gave examples of different ways of saving water, noting that the annual water consumption for a 15 foot by 15 foot lawn was 220 gallons per week, 7,040 gallons per year.

1. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

(5:38:17) – MOTION: I move to approve the minutes [of the December 3, 2014 STC meeting] as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Ozawa
SECONDER:	Peermann
AYES:	Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

2. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (5:38:42) – None.**

3. **MEETING ITEMS**

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THIS MEETING.

(5:38:45) – All Council members were present.

B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COUNCIL SELECTS A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

(5:40:05) – I move to elect Member Shirk as Chair.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Peermann
SECONDER:	Ozawa
AYES:	Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

(5:40:45) – I move to elect Member Borst as Chair.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Peermann
SECONDER:	Ozawa
AYES:	Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE 2015 ARBOR DAY CEREMONY.

(5:41:02) – Chairperson Shirk introduced the item and presented the agenda materials in the form of a handout, incorporated into the record. Vice Chairperson Borst was informed that the Parks and Recreation department

would coordinate the tree purchase, preparation of the planting site, and the coordination with other City departments. Member Peermann expressed concern about having dogs at the events and was informed that the park was a leashed dog-friendly location. He suggested addressing the dog waste clean-up on the flyers. Member Borst offered to donate water for the run. Member Peermann offered to design the flyer. He also recommended a residence on Ormsby Boulevard, with a tree house, as a nominee for the George Washington Ferris Award. Member Borst agreed with the nomination. Chairperson Shirk expressed concern that the residents may not “want the participation”. Tom Henderson of Healthy Trees and the Silver Oak development were also nominated during the previous meeting. Discussion ensued regarding awards to homeowners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(6:12:28) – Mr. Henderson explained that he had donated saplings last year and wished to donate another 20 or 25 this year. He also offered to set up a climbing event if the tree were large enough to accommodate that.

(6:07:12) – MOTION: I move to have the Parks and Recreation Department to find out who the property owner is, and find out if they would accept the [George Washington Ferris] award.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Peermann
SECONDER:	Ozawa
AYES:	Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO BEGIN PLANNING THE ANNUAL FALL TREE CARE WORKSHOP.

(6:15:00) – Chairperson Shirk introduced the item and presented a suggested agenda, incorporated into the record. She also suggested making it a five-hour event and not providing lunch, which, she believed would still provide the educational credits. Member Peermann suggested a classroom setup such as the one in the Ormsby Room in the Sherriff’s Office. Discussion ensued regarding the suggested advanced registration fee of \$45, and \$55 when registering after November 1, 2015. Vice Chairperson Borst suggested inviting another speaker from the Desert Research Institute (DRI) and believed last year’s speaker was “great” and on topic. Mr. Moellendorf suggested covering different topics if the same speakers are invited. Topics such as xeriscaping, City planning, soil and tree experts were discussed. Member Peermann wished to select a drought-related topic.

(6:30:58) – MOTION: I move to follow the basic format presented to us at this meeting for our Thursday November 12, 2015 Fall Tree Care Seminar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:31:44) – Mr. Henderson suggested areal rescue and climbing techniques (taught by advanced climbers) as important topics for arborists. He also recommended speakers for topics such as mulch and drought-tolerant trees. Rod Haulenbeek cautioned against tradeoffs and the creation of balance points between aesthetic value and drought-tolerant landscape. He accepted an invitation to speak at the seminar on “permaculture”. David Howlett,

representing the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), suggested having a theme to help identify the right speakers. He also suggested focusing on the tree inventory to drive the educational programs in terms of appropriate care. He also highlighted some changes to tree regulations such as allowing the planting of fruit trees on public property. Mr. Moellendorf suggested inviting someone from the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Ozawa
SECONDER:	Peermann
AYES:	Shirk, Borst, Ozawa, Peermann, Trenoweth
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

E. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING KEEPING TRACK OF COUNCIL MEMBER VOLUNTEER HOURS.

(6:48:50) – Chairperson Shirk reminded Council members to track their volunteer hours for accurately reporting them at the end of the year.

F. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING A POSSIBLE TREE INITIATIVE PROJECT.

(6:50:08) – Member Peermann stated that he would like to have additional assistance for homeowners regarding green waste and suggested expanding that schedule in the spring when most pruning is done. He also suggested the harvesting of fruit from the residential trees and taking them to the Kings Canyon area for the bears to consume, thus reducing the nuisance issues. Mr. Moellendorf offered to provide a Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) and City contacts for such services. Chairperson Shirk suggested staying within the Council’s scope when discussing agenda topics.

G. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF THE TWO LARGE COTTONWOOD TREES AT FUJI PARK.

(7:00:35) – Mr. Moellendorf announced that the Fuji Park trees were removed because they had become hazardous.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. REPORTS

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM STAFF

MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

(7:01:52) – Member Ozawa noted that the high temperatures had caused the trees to bloom early. Chairperson Shirk explained that Carson City had landscape standards which were on the City’s website and suggested discussing the item at a future date. She also mentioned the tree inventory grant from NDF which she wished to agendize at a future meeting, and distributed a “water wise measures” handout, incorporated into the record. Chairperson Shirk also noted that the Council’s web page had a link from the City’s website and that the member list and vacancies needed to be updated. She stated that she would address the Board of Supervisors at their next

meeting in the form of public comment.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(7:06:30) – Fall Tree Care Seminar; Arbor Day Celebration; Landscape Standards; Tree Inventory Grant; Tree Care Assistance Initiative. Chairperson Shirk noted that she would be absent from the April 1, 2015 meeting. Member Peermann announced conflicts with two upcoming meetings.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (7:09:50) – None.

7. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:10:00) – Member Ozawa moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Peermann. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 26, 2015 Carson City Shade Tree Council meeting are so approved this 1st day of April, 2015.

GIANNA SHIRK, Chair