

Tree Committee 05/16/2024

16 May 2024 / 7:00 PM / Panera Bread, 1017 NW Civic Drive, Gresham

ATTENDEES

Alex Kampf, Christian Burgess, Anita Marks, Wayne McFadden, Liliana Morgan

AGENDA

Friends of Trees Guest - Liliana Morgan

- Committee members shared interest in improving tree canopy in NWN. Asked the following questions: We would like to see what it would take to organize a tree planting, what is the process, how can we get neighbors enrolled, what are the grant opportunities?
 - FOT has funding to offer cost-free trees to most residents of Gresham. There are a few areas which are not eligible, but most are.
 - This likely extends to all of Gresham and NWN. Woo hoo!
 - What is the enrollment/outreach process?
 - Official enrollment does not begin until late summer. There is a pre-signup list which will be made available for neighbors.
 - TC will focus on a big outreach effort at the picnic. Get information on the trees available to residents so they can pick.
 - Provide good info on tree selection, benefits, features, etc.
 - FOT will call for utility locate 811 before you dig, on behalf of the owner.
 - TC will collaborate with FOT to provide outreach materials to neighbors.
 - The materials will focus on a short recommended tree list. - ex. "Endorsed by the Tree Committee!"
 - What are the dates for our planting?
 - November 23rd - Gresham
 - February 8th - Gresham
 - Sign-up starts in Late Summer
- TC and FOT will collaborate to create a QR code which neighbors can scan to provide their contact information and be on a mailing list for pre-signup.
- FOT likely to attend summer picnic.
- Lilliana recommended the Portland Fruit Tree Project and Home Orchard Society. Two organizations we could contact and collaborate with in the future.

Current Events in NWN

- Discussed the damaged Trees in Bella Vista. Will seek a plan for replacement trees.
- What trees are going in at the new library? What is the landscape plan?

- Get in touch with John Wasiutynski at the country, as the new library is in our neighborhood.

Goals Discussion

- Educate HOAs about tree plantings
- Express concern about MF housing not having significant trees, little greenspace
- Create a QR code for people to sign up for a NWN Tree Committee mailing list?
- Website goals
 - Signup for news alert
 - Resource library - links
 - Static information about the committee
 - Neighborhood map
 - Tree canopy map
- Publish a letter to city on behalf of neighbors asking for updated tree code

NOTES

- **Thrive East PDX** - Potential partner organization
- **East County Rising** - Potential partner organization

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Develop a TC mission statement** - Draft and approve an official mission statement for NWN TC
2. **Draft a tree code letter** - Letter to city on behalf of neighbors in support of an updated city tree code
3. **Draft a MF housing letter** - Letter to city on behalf of neighbors about concerns that new MF housing has insignificant green space and tree canopy
4. **Create an online resource** - Place for neighbors to sign up for TC news and access sustainability related resources