



TREE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
6101 Johnson Creek Blvd. Milwaukie, OR 97206
11.20.2024
Hybrid / In- Person and Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Board Members Present:

Kathleen Hunter-Brenner
Ley Garnett
Camden Mckone
Olivia Padilla
Gina Dake
Jon Brown

Board Members Absent:

Alexis Barton

Guest:

None

Staff Members Present:

Courtney Wilson, Urban Forester
Katie Gavares, Climate and Natural Resources Manager
Peter Passarelli, Public Works Director
Emma Sagor, City Manager

MEETING NOTES

Jon Brown raised concern about tree removal in the Hillside Manor project but was reminded that the construction is not covered by the residential Tree Code.

City Manager Emma Sagor spoke to the Board as part of her visiting all City Boards since being hired this past summer. She outlined four priorities as part of a plan called Milwaukie Momentum: 1) employee support, 2) efficient, smart, government, 3) revitalize Milwaukie and 4) help disadvantaged community members.

It was announced that Tree Code amendments have been presented to a Council work session and they are expected to be approved at a December Council meeting. The changes are designed to make the code more functional by closing loopholes and revising the Code with more clear language. Staff are anticipating updating Tree Code again in the spring of 2025 reduce the need for duplicative oversight with the Natural Resource Code (NR). These changes are not included in the current round of tree code amendments because the NR code needs to be changed first to ensure there are no gaps.

The Board revisited six focus areas in a Community Vision. Priorities are 1) Education and Outreach, 2) expanding the Tree Code, 3) Emerald Ash Borer treatment, 4) Heritage Tree Program, 5) Tree planting and maintenance program, and 6) Evaluate success of existing tree code. The Board will soon get a revised priority list from staff to align Tree Board's priorities and staff workplans.

Peter announced that Katie will oversee future Tree Board Meetings as staff liaison.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.