

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Eric Mongan, City Planner
SUBJECT: URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
DATE: March 6, 2024

Background

Council appointed a Subcommittee to conduct interviews of candidates for the Urban Forestry Committee vacancies created by term expirations on 12/31/2023. The Subcommittee was appointed at the November 27, 2023 City Council Meeting. The Subcommittee is staffed by Councilor Savage (Chair), Councilor Merryday, and Councilor Fleck.

The Urban Forestry Committee began the year with three vacancies with one being filled to date (Reilly Newman). At this time there are two applications for the remaining two vacancies. One applicant is Justin Tidrick (application attached). The other is Richard Vasquez (application attached), who has also applied for a position on the Budget Committee. The Subcommittee has interviewed Mr., Tidrick and Mr. Vasquez and are prepared to make their recommendation to the Mayor and Council.


Councilor Savage as Chair of the Subcommittee will present the recommended appointments to Mayor and Council at the March 11, 2024 City Council Meeting. The selected appointees will serve a three-year term beginning March 11, 2024 and expiring December 31, 2026.

Recommendation

That the City Council consider the recommendations of the interview Subcommittee for the appointment of two Urban Forestry Committee Members for the remaining portion of the three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026.

Cost

Staff time and advertising.



Michael Sauerwein, City Manager



Eric Mongan, City Planner



Volunteer Appointment Application

Name: Justin Tidrick
Address: 1635 E. Taylor Ave Cottage grove
97424 OR
Email Address: Justintidrick@gmail.com

Date: 2/16/2024
Occupation: Irrigation Coordinator at the UO
Phone: (Home) _____
(Work) _____
(Cell) 541-868-6338

Committee or Volunteer Positions Applied For: URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

Please list any special qualifications or skills.

I have a bachelors in Horticulture. I have worked in the field of horticulture all my life. I've worked in and managed local nurseries including a tree nursery. I am currently employed in Landscape management in a significant institution. I participate in continued education seminars and conferences regarding, IPM, Irrigation, public safety & landscape management.

Please provide a short statement regarding why you wish to serve on this committee.

I wish to be more involved with The City of Cottage Grove I have lived there for 17 years and see the city improving year after year and I want to help that effort. After the recent ice storm that devastated the trees of our town I was ever more inspired to find this committee and see if I can lend my experience and know how to the beautification. I'm and excellent tree and shrub pruner as well as identifying pest infestations. In relatively recent years pest like the Emerald Ash Borer have started spreading like plague and I want our city to be prepared for all issues. I feel very strongly about tree health and the role trees have on our societal and economic health.

Please list any previous and current volunteer experience.

In my current position I work with volunteer groups. I help organize the tasks for the groups as well as participate and over see the activities. This has been a fairly new development.

Signature: *Justin Tidrick*

Date: 02/16/2023

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in your community.

Note: This application will remain in effect for 6 months from the date submitted. If you wish to be considered for appointment beyond that time, you must renew your application.



Volunteer Appointment Application

Name: Richard A. Vasquez
Address: 575 Kathleen Dr.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
Email Address: rvasquez2227@gmail.com

Date: 1/9/2024
Occupation: Self Employed
Phone: (Home) 541-900-3887
(Work) _____
(Cell) _____

Committee or Volunteer
Positions Applied For: Urban Forestry Committee

Please list any special qualifications or skills.

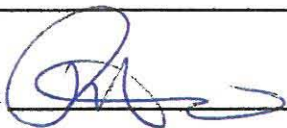
I'm experienced with policymaking and can support clear decisions with functions of the committee. Ensure effectiveness through professionalism and management. This is a great opportunity to be involved and create more positive support to the Urban areas in Cottage Grove. I have over ten years of committee experience and knowledge of Roberts rules of order.

Please provide a short statement regarding why you wish to serve on this committee.

I would like to provide the residents of Cottage Grove the opportunity to give their option on how we can create a better environment for new Urban Development. This committee will help strengthen the understanding of how to recognize our trees and the important role they play in our ecosystem. It is critical to plant trees whenever possible, and it is equally important to recognize our mature trees. Actively promote new and old and Urban areas within the city limits and seek funding for city planning and parks and gardens, but also landscaped boulevards, river and coastal promenades, greenways and even simple street-side tree boxes.

Please list any previous and current volunteer experience.

Member of Parks and Recreation for Lane County, President of Kiwanis International Club, Chaired Art's Commision, Pass Commissioner for Measure W, Member of Appeals Commission and Member for San Joaquin Delta College Measure L.

Signature: 

Date: 1/9/2024

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