

STAFF REPORT

TO: Natural Resources Advisory Board Members

CC: Jonna Papaefthimiou, AICP, Natural Resources Planner

FROM: Morgan Holen, Assistant Natural Resources Planner, ISA Certified Arborist (PN-6145A)
Planning & Building Services Department

SUBJECT: Heritage Tree Nominations

DATE: December 29, 2010

ACTION

To review Heritage Tree applications and determine if nominated trees merit Heritage Tree designation.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The purpose of Lake Oswego's Heritage Tree Program is to designate individual Heritage Trees or groves of trees to educate the public about the value and history of these trees, to promote appreciation of trees, and to voluntarily retain and protect these trees as part of the City's heritage. Heritage Trees are acknowledged due to their age, size, species, horticultural quality, and their importance in the historical, cultural, environmental, and physical landscape. Anyone can nominate a tree on either public or private property for Heritage Tree designation, with permission of the property owner.

LOC 55.06 indicates that the Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) will review all Heritage Tree nominations at a public meeting and vote to designate trees that comply with the designation requirements. Since Arbor Day 2010, one Heritage Tree application has been submitted for nomination.

DISCUSSION

According to 55.06.030, NRAB will designate Heritage Trees based on the following criteria:

- a. The tree or tree grove is of landmark importance due to age, size, species, horticultural quality or historic importance; and
- b. The tree is not irreparably damaged, diseased, hazardous or unsafe, or the applicant is willing to have the tree treated by an arborist and the treatment will alleviate the concern.

The nominated tree is a Douglas-fir located in George Rogers Park. The application materials are attached.

As an ISA Certified Arborist, I visited the tree to perform a visual tree assessment. The tree is estimated to be at least 100-years old and measured 59-inches in diameter (16-feet in circumference) and 110-feet in height, with a 60-foot crown spread. The tree is in remarkable condition with no major defects noted. The tree has good vigor and a long live crown, and is a prominent tree located along a pathway to the river. This tree is of landmark importance and appears healthy; therefore the tree is being submitted to the NRAB for review.

ALTERNATIVES & FISCAL IMPACT

The NRAB may designate the tree as a heritage tree. The board may also request more information before making a decision. If designated, a small plaque with species name and year of induction will be cemented near the tree for recognition and a Heritage Tree Ceremony will be schedule at George Rogers Park during Arbor Week 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the NRAB review the application materials, discuss the designation requirements, and vote to approve the Heritage Tree nomination.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Application materials for Douglas-fir in George Rogers Park

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City of Lake Oswego
Community Development Dept.

Heritage Tree Nomination Form

Person Nominating Tree:

Barbara Ferris

Name

412 Furnace St. Lake Oswego

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(503) 697-3707

Phone (Day)

barbferris@comcast.net

Email

Property Owner (If different):

City of Lake Oswego

Name

George Rogers Park

Address

Phone (Day)

Email

Signature of property owner giving approval of nomination

Date

TREE DESCRIPTION

1. Check one: Single Tree Stand of Trees _____ If stand, how many: _____

2. Species of tree (common or botanical): Douglas Fir

3. Age (approx.): 100 yrs?

4. Location (street address): Green Street - outside public restroom (lower area)

5. Size of tree: Height (approx.) 110 ft.

Average Crown Spread 50-60 ft.

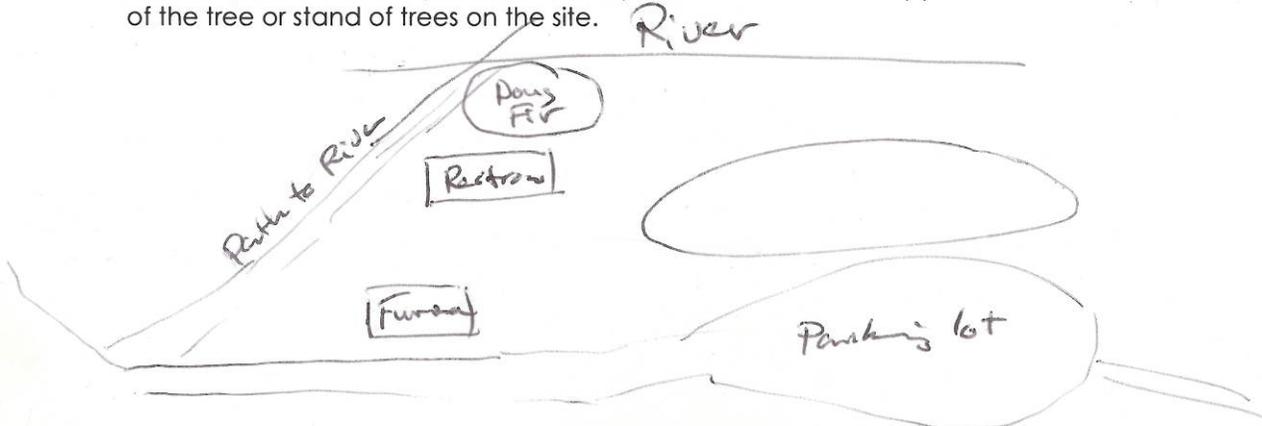
(From the ground, measure one side of the crown to the other side directly opposite it.)

Circumference _____ ft. 189 in.

(The circumference of the tree is measured at a point approximately four and a half feet from the ground.)

59" DBH
16' circumference

6. Use the space below to provide a description or sketch of the approximate location of the tree or stand of trees on the site.



Morgan Holen ISA CA PN6145A Visited 11/5 + 12/30/10

7. Is the tree on public or private property? If private, are there any restrictions on entering the property? public
8. Please describe the health of the tree? Are there any structural, health, or pruning problems associated with it? It looks healthy and is a beautiful shape. Still has top.
9. Please explain noteworthy physical features (size, species, etc.) that make the tree worthy of Heritage Tree status. This is a large healthy specimen of a native tree. ~~It is located in a historic neighborhood~~ ~~near one of the city's most valuable historic sites.~~ It is a beautiful shape, it is near the river and helps protect bank from erosion as well as providing habitat for wild life
10. Please explain any historical facts or significance associated with the tree. It is located in a historic neighborhood near one of the city's most valuable historic sites.



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