

# CAC Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

2:20 p.m.

New City Hall: Second Floor Assembly Room 206 N. 5th Street

## **Call to Order/ Roll Call 2:30 pm**

**Present:** CCI Liaison Tom Pratum, Beth Lindsay, Michael Thornton, Don Reordan, and Chair Beverly Smith

**Absent:** Vice Chair Dianne Helmer

**Staff Present:** Ian Foster Planning Director, and Planning Technician Diane Oliver

## **Introductions and Review of Agenda**

**Minutes:** July 5, 2022 minutes

**Stand as Submitted**

**Public Comment:** None

## **Continued Discussion: Chapter 3:4 Landscape Standards/Wildfire Safety Standards/Wildland-Urban Interface:**

Chair Bev Smith gave a quick report on the assessment that her and Beth Lindsay did mostly in the Historic Core on Heritage trees

## **Guest speakers today who have a background in the field and can better assist us in the update of the code**

**Linda Davis** a local resident who is our Jacksonville's Firewise Coordinator gave the CAC valuable information on projects we can be doing on our properties to reduce the risk of fire danger. [www.Firewise.org](http://www.Firewise.org)

**Jeffery McFarland** a local resident who serves on our Jacksonville CERT Firewise team, a retired forester who volunteers now up at Roxy Ann Butte's fire department explained to us the Wild-Land Urban Interface and how the City of Jacksonville is in high risk of fire danger. We need to include this in our Code update. He gave us valuable information on the letter that is being sent out to everyone due to the Senate Bill SB 762 and its State wide regulations.

**Laurie Sager** who is also a local resident and Landscape Architect, has served on the City of Ashland's Tree committee, and has helped that city update their Landscape Code. She is willing to help this City do the same thing.

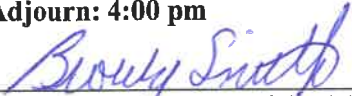
We need to educate on the importance and best practices of planting fire wise plants and trees, and use Ashland's model.

We can look to the City of Ashland who provides handouts to its residents regarding Firewise tips on landscaping. We can also provide lists of trees and plants to avoid, and the importance of fuel breaks that could stop a fire from spreading.

After reviewing the Oregon's Statewide fire risk map, the consensus from the CAC committee is that since we

are in the wildfire risk area we need to incorporate this into the code update under the landscape standards, and be proactive like the City of Ashland.

**Adjourn: 4:00 pm**

  
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**Beverly Smith, Chair of the CAC**

  
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**Diane Oliver, Building Planning Technician**

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