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MINUTES

December 2, 2021
Landscape Review Committee
Regular Meeting

12:00 pm
ZOOM Meeting
McMinnville, Oregon

Members Present: Carlton Davidson, John Hall, and Patty Sorensen

Members Absent: Josh Kearns and Rob Stephenson

Staff Present: Heather Richards – Planning Director and Amy Dixon – Contract Planner

Guests Present:

1. Call to Order

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Action Item

- L 18-21 – Landscape Plan Review - 915 NE Lafayette Avenue

Contract Planner Dixon explained this application had been continued from the October 20 meeting for the applicant to revise the plan due to the scale of the plants and screening of the trash enclosure. The applicant had added plants to the appropriate size and arborvitae had been added around the trash enclosure. The City was still working on the appropriate street trees for Lafayette.

Planning Director Richards recommended the applicant build the tree wells and put in interim landscaping. The City would plant the trees in the future.

Committee Member Davidson said further down this road there were Armstrong Red Maples and he thought they could be planted here as well to have continuous plantings.

Committee Member Sorensen suggested research on whether it was beneficial to plant the same tree for a long distance or if they should intermix to alleviate disease taking out all the trees.

Sarah Post, applicant, asked what they recommended in the planter beds other than the blue oat grass.

Committee Member Sorensen suggested in the future researching the extensive use of grasses and how they affected pollinators. She suggested for the interim landscaping to use Coreopsis, Coneflower, Yarrow, and Black-Eyed Susans.

Ms. Post said they would run conduit for drip irrigation for the future trees. She thought the street tree proposed on the corner of 9th and Lafayette would be site obscuring.

Committee Member Davidson thought a more upright Maple, such as a Bowhall or Armstrong, would be appropriate there.

Planning Director Richards said that would be an added condition of approval, that the street tree in that location would not impact the clear vision triangle. Another added condition was for the applicant not to put in street trees on Lafayette, but to put in tree wells and interim landscaping.

Committee Member Davidson moved to approve L 18-21 with conditions. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Sorensen and passed 3-0.

4. Discussion Items

- Development Code Revisions

There was consensus to discuss the revisions on December 15.

5. Committee Comments

Committee Member Davidson asked about the tree removals downtown. Chair Hall said that area had its own set of rules and removals did not have to come to the Committee.

6. Staff Comments

None

7. Adjournment

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.