

Poulsbo Tree Board

2015 Annual Report

January 2016

The Year in Review

2015 Poulsbo Tree Board

members included Chairperson Bill Lockard, Joan Hett, Bess Bronstein, Janet Brown, Jim Leary, Gayle Larson, and Jenise Bauman. The board held five regular meetings and one on-site tour during the year. The board was fortunate to tour Heronswood, the newly re-opened botanical gardens in Kingston. The City also hosted a Tree Workshop which was hosted by the DNR Community Forestry Division in August. About 20

people from a variety of public agencies attended.

The Tree Board continues to be involved in matters related to day-to-day urban forestry issues in Poulsbo, as well as overall policy related to trees on public property. They are active in providing public education and outreach to citizens in the greater Poulsbo area. The city earned its Tree City USA designation for the 18th year.



The Tree Board spent most of its \$14,348 budget; and had another \$59,000 in in-kind and volunteer activity related to the betterment of the urban forest of Poulsbo.

Work Plan and Projects

Urban Forestry Restoration

Project Poulsbo applied for and received funding for a restoration crew of 6 who conducted urban forest maintenance and restoration at Nelson and Fish Parks during June, September and December 2015. They removed invasives, planted a variety of trees and plants, performed trail restoration work, and cleared walkways. WWU students will continue to monitor new trees and plants for three years.

Significant Trees of Poulsbo

The board discussed updating this program in 2016. With additional publicity, more significant trees can be added to the Old Town

and downtown brochure. It may also be beneficial to do a second brochure in a second neighborhood.

Arborist and Public Works

Activities Several tree issues came up throughout the year. Public Works staff did an excellent job taking care of the public trees. Some hazard trees were removed in Stendahl Ridge and on 6th Avenue. 4 Parrotia trees in containers in Haven Vei were deemed damaged and rootbound, and will be replaced with newer trees. A cherry tree was removed during a sewer lift station project at Lions Park, and will be replanted in 2016.

Urban Forestry Rack Card

The board helped create a rack card that can be added to existing information racks in public areas. This card includes information on responsibilities of the board, meeting dates, educational opportunities, links to brochures on the city website, tree resources, and contact information.

Coming Up in 2016

The Mayor has been working towards improving tree retention during development, and will be involving the Tree Board in 2016. The Tree Board is also reviewing updated Urban Forestry policies for the Comprehensive Plan update.

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Public Outreach & Volunteer Activities

Presentation to the Friends of the Library Tree

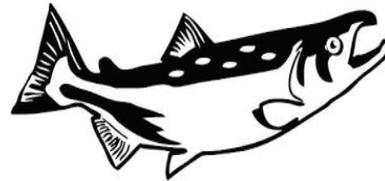
Board members shared information about the Tree Board with this volunteer group from the Poulsbo Library.

Tree Education Classes Pruning classes continue to be popular in the winter and summer months, with about 70 people total attending these classes. Most are held in Austurbruin Park.

Neighborhood Tree Walks With Bess taking the lead, Tree Board members led two successful walks in Old Town in 2015, pointing out significant trees to the participants. About 50 people attended the walks.

Poulsbo's Fish Park Stewardship The Tree Board and the Parks & Recreation Commission have adopted a "maintenance zone" at Fish Park. They held work parties on March 21 and October 17, and participated in restoration type activities.

Community Lecture Series: Tree Board & WWU faculty member Jenise Bauman gave a community talk on tree migration and restoration in December. About 30 people attended at OC Poulsbo.



Salmon Viewing Saturday: Led by Gayle and Joan, Tree Board members put together a display about trees, the riparian system and the salmon cycle. They were a part of the annual Salmon Viewing event at Poulsbo's Fish Park.



Arbor Day 2015

The Tree Board has often discussed making Centennial Park a "mini arboretum". This year for Arbor Day, a Sourwood tree was planted at the park, and a map showing all of the trees was distributed. Hopefully a mini arboretum is in the future plans for Centennial Park.

