

Poulsbo Tree Board



2016 Annual Report

January 2017

The Year in Review

2016 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 City hosted a Workshop which was hosted by the DNR Community Forestry Division in August. The topic was "Quality Trees, Quality Cities". 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 20th year.

The Tree Board spent its annual budget of just over \$11,000; and had another \$50,291 in in-kind contributions (staff and capital



projects) and volunteer activity related to the betterment of the urban forest of Poulsbo.

Work Plan and Projects

Review of the City's

Comprehensive Plan update - Goals and Policies in the Urban Forestry section. The board gave input and recommended changes to the goals and policies.

Heritage Tree Program. Board member Jim Leary worked with Ben Thompson of the DNR, Urban and Community Forestry program to learn what other communities are doing in this area. This project will continue into 2017.

Significant Trees of Poulsbo.

Board members did their annual summer field trip to the Old Town neighborhood, where they identified 12 additional trees to be added to this popular brochure.

DNR Grant for 2017. The Tree Board worked with board member and WWU faculty member Jenise Bauman to put together a grant for a blackberry eradication program.

Arborist and Public Works

Activities. This was a busy year for hazard tree assessments with some removals. Four Parrotias were planted in the pots at Haven Vei, and are doing well. Some smaller trees that had been in pots downtown were removed and replanted at the city cemetery. Laminated root rot was the cause of failure of four large firs at the top of the slope above Fish Park.

The City arborist worked with the Planning Department on tree questions in new developments, and researched and made changes to the recommended street tree list that the Planning Department uses. He has worked with local community members on a new addition to the Celebration Tree program as well.

The Public Works Department continued their excellent care of the public trees in Poulsbo parks, streets and right-of-ways.



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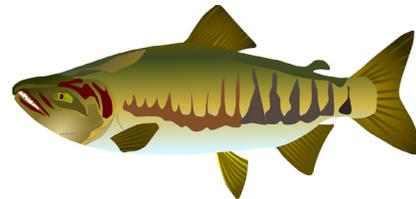
Public Outreach & Volunteer Activities

Tree Education Classes City arborist Kevin McFarland and board member Bess Bronstein lead a variety of pruning classes that continue to be popular in the winter and summer months. About 70 people total attended these classes. A class on Tree Selection, Planting and Aftercare was taught by board members in October, and it included the planting of a tree at Fish Park.

Neighborhood Tree Walks With Bess taking the lead, Tree Board members led two successful walks in the Forest Rock Park neighborhood, pointing out significant trees to the participants. About 40 people attended the walks.

Poulsbo's Fish Park Stewardship The Tree Board and the Parks & Recreation Commission held two work parties at Poulsbo's Fish Park. The November work party was in cooperation with the Tree Restoration and Planting event.

WWU Projects: Centennial Park Tree Signage & Identification and the Living Classroom. The board continues to work with WWU student Stephanie Moline on a tree signage and identification project at Centennial Park. Plans call for the project to be done by Arbor Day 2017. WWU students are also experimenting with blackberry eradication methods for Fish Park.



Salmon Viewing Saturday: Led by Gayle and Joan, Tree Board members manned 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 that drew almost 300 people.



Arbor Day 2016

The Tree Board has often discussed making Centennial Park a "mini arboretum". This year for Arbor Day, a Sour-gum was planted at the park, and a map showing all of the unique trees was distributed.