

Hailey Tree Committee  
Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6 pm  
Hailey City Hall, Fox Meeting Room  
Hailey ID 83333

Attendees: HTC: Linda Ries, Carl Hjelm, Tom Ward, Dayle Ohlau, David Anttila  
City Staff: Stephanie Cook  
Guest: Janet Fugate, Hailey P&Z  
Sara Hjort, 2IT Ranch Golf Course (developer)  
Shawn Archer 2IT Ranch Golf Course (designer)

Minutes taken by David Anttila, edited by Linda Ries

Call to order by Chair Linda at 6:05 PM

November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 6th Minutes approved.

**New Business**

**Janet Fugate, Hailey P&Z**

Janet was invited to the HTC meeting to encourage good communication and to understand how best to deliver HTC's recommendations to Hailey P&Z. (Carl)

Janet stressed that she is a tree advocate but must accept the consensus if voted down.

Separate memos (staff reports) get more attention than presenting in person, as they are read in advance (Janet).

Carl provided (2) examples of projects where the HTC's recommendations were ignored.

- 1) Broadford road Subdivision: Conifers should NOT be planted on the South and West sides of the street, to minimize winter shade (ice). Also, Aspens should not be planted in any right-of-way (and not included in most projects).
- 2)
- 3) DL Evans Bank did not follow requests or recommendations on their planting plan. The Myrtle on Main Street were clear cut and then different (and smaller) trees were planted than those approved.

Janet brought up the fact that she did not know that the DL Evans bank on Main Street did not plant the species of trees that were recommended (or specified in the plans). It was brought up that they also cut more old growth trees on the site that were deemed "security risks".

Also, the cutting of a large tree in front of Wise-Guy Pizza on main (recommended to remain) was another recent example of blatant disregard of the HTC's recommendations.

David questioned why there wasn't a vehicle for including HTC's recommendations as requirements in the approved architects plans. Janet explained that in many cases there might not even be a tree plan. And the P&Z is only a recommending body. (Clearly the City needs to take a tougher stance with developers regarding the landscape).

Tom recommended that better monitoring of the construction and planting of landscapes should happen through the City of Hailey, and that Stephanie should be given a budget to do so.

## **2IT Ranch/Beckwilder Golf Course Development Tree Recommendations**

Sara Hjort and Shawn Archer presented their development  
Carl questioned: Why a Golf course?

Sara responded with her vision of an accessible public 9-hole course for the local community. She stressed low fees (\$20 green fee or what you can afford), access to high school teams, and because of its small size, a quick (1-hr) round of golf. This type of development does not exist in the valley and would promote a new recreation opportunity for Hailey residents.

Shawn explained the planting design, of which 60% would be native, requiring only 6.7 out of the 12 acres to be irrigated. Golf tees will be artificial turf in a natural landscape with manicured turf being reserved for greens and part of the fairways.

The planting includes Large Spruce, Willows and Apricot trees, with native grasses and shrubs. The course will be wildlife-friendly, and will apply for the Audubon certification program. Highway 75 frontage will remain as-is with clear lines of site for motorists to avoid wayward elk. Carl emphasized that Colorado Blue Spruce have been overplanted and that Aspen were a poor choice because of their short life-span of 15-20 years.

Linda wrote the draft recommended tree proposal for this project which was reviewed by HTC members and approved unanimously. It will be sent to P&Z and city council prior to their next meetings.

### **David Anttila was welcomed as a new member to HTC.**

Thanks!

### **Discuss moving the February**

Linda proposed February 7<sup>th</sup>. Moved & Approved

### **Old Business**

#### **Update for Urban Forest Plan (2019-2021)**

Linda will send out drafts of the strategic plan for review

### **Board/Staff Reports**

#### **Possible dates for Arbor fest, 2019**

May 11<sup>th</sup> proposed, moved, and Approved.

Next meeting scheduled for February 7th, 2019, 6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM