

Hailey Tree Committee (HTC)
Thursday, February 6th, 2018, 6 pm
Hailey City Hall, Fox Meeting Room
Hailey ID 83333

Present: Stephanie Cook (city staff) and HTC members: Linda Ries, Tom Ward, Carl Hjelm, and Dayle Ohlau.

Guest: Christina Cernasky (Executive Director for NAMI - National Alliance for Mental Health, WR Valley) and Mike McKenna (Valley Chamber Executive Director)

Minutes taken by Dayle Ohlau, edited by Linda Ries.

The Hailey Tree Committee (HTC) was called to order at 6:08 pm by HTC Chair Linda Ries.

Motion to approve January 2019 minutes. Motion by Carl and second by Tom. Motion approved.

Open Session for Public Comments/NEW BUSINESS

Arborfest date discussion initiated by guests Christina Cernasky, Executive Director for NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Health) Wood River Valley, and Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mike McKenna. Although a date for the 2019 Arborfest was previously approved by HTC for May 11th, a suggestion is proposed to combine with two other upcoming events: biking for Mental Wellness, and a Home & Garden and Outdoor Show at Campion Ice House on May 18th. HTC Chair suggests changing the annual Mud Run to a 'fun run' for the 2019 event. A recommendation was made for Roberta McKercher Park as an alternate location to Hop Porter Park for ArborFest. Times of the various events would be set so as to be non-competing. Motion by Carl to move Arborfest event to Saturday, May 18th, and change location to Roberta McKercher Park, ending event at 2:00. Second by Tom Motion passes.

Arborfest planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th at 4 pm at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Sweetwater development discussion. Existing Maple, Crabapple, and Mountain Ash trees. Developer is updating plan, Stephanie recommends trees more like the trees on north side of Countryside and the west side of Woodside, mirror what is existing as Phase II of a project, but don't include Crabapple Mountain Ash. Better choices are Maple & Oak. No action needed at this time.

Discussion about community development for Tree City USA application, category A—13 categories listed. Dayle asked to keep the discussion ongoing about community education, utilizing David's previous ideas for one-sheets at nurseries and a column in one of the local newspapers. Linda mentioned an updated tree list to cross-promote tree education valley-wide. Stephanie reminded Hailey has been a tree USA city for 11 years.

Discussion on HTC summer meetings. Linda suggested if nothing is critical or needs action, we could cancel a particular month meeting in the summer. Carl mentioned a loss of momentum and "energy" if we don't meet during the summer. Also, committee members can meet via Internet

or phone. Additionally, HTC can meet without having a quorum. This would allow us to review possible developments on a more timely basis. HTC bylaws require meetings at least 4 times per calendar year. The calendar needs to be updated to show meetings throughout the summer to coincide with a yearly calendar posting. This summer, we will need to post 'special meetings' for the summer. In the future, summer meetings can be part of the annual city calendar.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda attended a recent city council meeting informing that the golf development north of Hailey has been tabled for now due to concerns about water pressure for existing residents.

Urban Forestry Plan (2019-2021): Linda summarized the draft plan. Carl would like to suggest some different language for one of the headings: "How do we get what we want?"

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Aviation Drive storage unit development discussed. Maples and Spruce are being planned for the space. A Maple planned for a public corner. Crabapples are staying...keeping existing trees, while preserving and protecting during construction. Stephanie recommending "stringent protection" and will observe construction process. Also, developer should arrange for health and maintenance of trees.

Nelson Mills has resigned his position; suggestions for a new HTC member encouraged.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 14th.

7:42 pm Motion to adjourn meeting by Tom and second by Carl.