

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
the HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE
August 13, 2020
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Call to Order: 6:04pm

Attendance:

City Staff: Stephanie Cook, Heather Dawson

Committee Members: David Antilla, Katie Van Hees, Seth Gates, Jim Rineholt

Guests: Ted Angle (interested in joining HTC)

River Street Apartment Reps: Steven Job (Landscape Architect), Byron Folwell (Architect), Leonard McIntosh (Developer) .

Approval of June Minutes: 1st Katie, 2nd Seth: All approve

Public Comment: N/A

New Business:

River Street Apartments

The proposed River Street Apartment complex will be located at 410 North River Street. The applicants landscape plan proposes to plant three 3-inch caliper Greenspire Linden (*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire') along River Street in the City's R-O-W. The applicant's explained they chose this tree for its size that is expected to reach 35 – 40 feet high with a 25-foot crown spread. These trees offer dense shade with an oval crown and attractive small fragrant flowers.

The applicants plan to water the trees from their irrigation system but will install a separate valve that can control the amount of water needed for successful tree growth. They stated that either a landscape company or an on-site project manager would be responsible for watering. They discussed a plan to put in bubblers for irrigation but HTC suggested a drip system instead and the applicant agreed. They also stated they plan to install a Silva Cell system that will offer the best success for tree growth and described the successes they've seen with this system in Boise.

Motion to approve: 1st Dave, 2nd Jim. All approved

Heritage Trees

Heather Dawson discussed the 138-year-old pear tree that was removed on private property at the northeast corner of Main and Galena that has generated concern from the public (see City Council Documents). City Council is asking the HTC to see if there is interest in establishing a heritage tree program and identifying important trees within the City. HTC agreed to examine this topic. For starters, Heather will write a story about the pear tree and post in the next Our Town Newsletter. The thought is that perhaps this will generate some interest from the public and folks may come forward with tree stories of their own which would be a starting point to identifying trees. HTC would need to come up with criteria to see if a tree is eligible or not, and how a tree would be identified.

Heather also discussed that perhaps during the P & Z design review process some of these important trees could be identified by an arborist before construction and removal begins. HTC agreed to discuss this in more detail at another meeting but it was generally agreed that creating criteria or proposing an ordinance for trees on private property could be a sensitive issue.

Old Business: None

Staff Report: None

Discussion of topics for next meeting:

Heritage Trees?? Others?

Adjourn: 7:30

Next meeting: It was suggested that we hold a socially distanced in person meeting in a park for September's meeting. All was in favor.