

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, 6 pm, Hailey City Hall

Present: HTC members: David Antilla, Jim Rineholt, Melanie Paisley, Linda Ries, City Staff – Amy Bain, Brian Yeager. Guest: Mark Sindell, GGLO

Public comment: none

Call to Order by Chair Antilla at 6:04 pm

Approval of March 12 Meeting minutes: Motion by Jim to approve, second by Melanie. All members in favor.

New Business:

Updates on Bullion Pathway & River Street project: by Mark Sindell and Brian Yeager.

Brian presented information about the large Siberian elm at the NE corner of River St and Bullion. Because of the intersection of two future projects at River Street and the Bullion Pathway, the tree will not be able to be saved and will be removed this year. Though some members were disappointed at this decision, the HTC chose not to officially make a motion about this tree due to the decision having been made by the city. HTC members had many questions for Mark regarding the most recent Pathway revision. There was active discussion on possible adjustments to spacing of trees and selection of tree species. Mark commented that no longer will be there be two rows of trees as originally planned, and this will allow better incorporation of existing trees. Linda made a motion to recommend hybrid Honeylocust to be used on the south side of Hop Porter Park as part of plaza plantings, hybrid elms to be used along the residences on the north side of Bullion and east of the Hop Porter, and for the future pocket park at River St and Bullion (at the present Park and Ride) a grouping of various heights of any of the following conifer species: Stone pine, Limber Pine, Lodgepole pine, Corkbark fir (not Subalpine fir), or Douglas Fir. Other discussions were related to species that Mark wanted to use in various locations including London Planetree. Linda remarked that it would not be an acceptable tree due to it being a hardiness zone 5 species and it would not work with our colder winter. We also discussed the possible use of White Oak in place of Swamp White Oak if availability was an issue. There were additional discussions regarding the width of sidewalk along Bullion just southeast of Main. No motion as this is not a HTC function to make recommendations on sidewalks and roads.

Tree in Curtis Park: HTC members agreed that the ash tree in Curtis should be removed. Amy said that the city has already contacted Mike Beck to remove and grind the stump.

Moving 8 trees from River St to Hailey Fire Department: Brian said the trees in question are the large Linden trees at the Park and Ride lot. Clearwater will be using a tree spade to move these trees and are hopeful they will survive. There was some concern of the cost and the risk of these trees not surviving. **No motion by HTC, as city had already approved this removal.**

Emerald Ash Borer Training: Information about this class on April 16th was previously shared with HTC. This is a free class sponsored by Idaho Department of Lands. Linda was hopeful someone from the WR Valley would be attending and could share the information later.

Old Business:

ArborFest: Specifics for June celebration will be discussed at May 12th meeting. Linda will send Amy some information from past events.

Arbor Day planting: Planting will be at 4:30 pm, May 7th at Foxmoor Park. A honeylocust will be planted. Kelsey had previously volunteered to pick out a tree at Webb and can bring it to Hailey ahead of time. More information to be shared ahead of time and also to find out who will attend.

Staff Report: none

Discussion of Topics for next regular meeting on May 14th : Construction standards (Jim, Kelsey, Linda) and ArborFest planning

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:05 pm.