

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6 pm

Public comment: none

Present: City Staff –Amy Bain, HTC Chair Linda Ries, HTC members –Kate Driscoll, Melanie Paisley, Kelsey Paxson, David Antilla

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Approval of January 14th, 2026 Meeting Minutes: David moved to accept the minutes, Melanie seconded, and all voted in favor of the minutes.

New Business: Discussion of Climate Communities Grant: part of the Climate Smart Initiatives; there is \$60,000 available for “shovel-ready grants” including community forestry improvements. Linda is putting together a “pre-draft” considering requesting more funds for tree inventory and possibly replanting at Hegal Park as a riparian restoration project.
Heagle Park replacement tree ideas: alder and red birch

Old Business: Arboretum discussion: David worked on several ideas for a trellis entryway for the arboretum. The consensus was to prioritize a cost-effective and sturdy design. The discussion continued about pathway improvements (steps, railing, wider path, etc).

Staff Report: Amy Bain brought up moving the Hailey Tree Committee meetings from 6:00 to 5:30. The change in time shouldn't be a problem.

The Bullion Pathway project is proceeding now due to the warm winter and lack of snow. Silva cells are currently being installed in front of Hop Porter Park.

The meeting is adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for March 11th, 2026 at 5:30pm