

Hailey Tree Committee Meeting Minutes June 8, 2023

Call to Order: 6:08 p.m. by David Anttila, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Linda Ries, Melanie Paisley, Kathy Bell, David Anttila

City of Hailey: Emily Williams, Sustainability and Grants Coordinator, Brian Yeager, Public Works Director

Public Comment: none

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Linda made motion to approve; Melanie seconded

New Business:

- **IRA Urban Forestry Program Grant:** applied for grant \$137K for Kiwanis Park. The application fits the grant criteria well, as it achieves 4 out of 5 grant goals. If awarded, we would have 5 years to complete the project.
- **Review Street Trees on West Side of River Street by Grocery Outlet:** Hailey City Council asked for the Tree Committee to look at these trees. Linda had gone by and confirmed they looked healthy overall, however, could need water. She asked to make sure the irrigation water has been turned on. Emily will check on the agreement for maintenance of the ROW to determine if Grocery Outlet or the city is responsible.
- **Review ROW Tree at 2411 Winterhaven Drive (NW Corner):** The tree is in a fire lane, is dying and leaning on a fence. It's a 20' tree in bad shape so HTC recommend taking it down. Linda made motion to remove the Cottonwood/ Aspen tree at this location; Melanie seconded.
- **Arbor Day Planting and Proclamation-** We need to have a proclamation, however there is not funding for an Arbor Day tree in 2023. HTC would like to do something for Arbor Day and discussed planting a tree at Kiwanis Park when the Bloom truck is there. It would be fun to have kids included in the event. Emily will reach out to the Hunger Coalition and see when they have an opening to accommodate this.
- **New Arboretum Bench Installed-** beautiful bench in great location. Kristin Fletcher is in touch with Carol's family and will let us know of any updates.
- **Planting Trees in front of Businesses:** David talked with Sawtooth Brewery, and they would like a tree planted in front of their business to provide some shade to their patio that faces River Street. Brian Yeager joined the HTC meeting and provided the following update: River Street L Tech- will install trees with silva cells along River Street following a plan for uniform spacing later this year. New trees will be proposed for River Street and Brian is in a final phase of the project with the current contractor, so would like to have the HTC recommendations. The Linden trees that line the Park and Ride site may go; the parking lot will stay. The plan for River Street is to have a 40' spacing for trees, as long as they don't interfere with driveways, fire hydrants, etc.

Old Business:

- **Update on Croy & Main Street Tree:** The tree selected was too large and would interfere with the visibility of the pedestrian crossing signal. A columnar might be a better selection for the site, such as a Red Rocket Maple or Columnar Oak. The tagged Triumph Elm could be used elsewhere, possibly in Kiwanis Park. Emily will meet with Brian and Kelly to discuss and finalize.
- **Finalize Arbor Fest Plans-** Kelsey, Emily, Linda will be there- David will try to attend. Set up around 8:30 am. Linda has all the materials and will also have a Heritage Tree Sign to display.
- **Heritage Trees Event:** Need to plan an event; discuss at the July HTC meeting.

Staff Report:

- ArborCare Tree Risk Assessment Review- 317 N. First Ave.

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda - July 13, 2023 @ 6pm. Emily suggested moving the meeting to July 6; all agreed.

July Agenda Items discussed:

River Street

Heritage Tree Event

Xmas Tree lights- cost/ damage to trees

Adjourn at 7:40pm.: Linda made the motion Linda and David seconded