

Hailey Tree Committee

November 13, 2024

Attendance:

Committee Members: Linda Ries, Kathy Bell, Kelsey Paxton, Jim Rineholt, David Anttila, Melanie Paisley, Kate Driscoll

City of Hailey: Emily Williams, Sustainability and Grants Coordinator

Guests:

Call to Order: 6:02pm by Committee Chair David Anttilla

Public Comment: None

Approval of September 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Kathy made a motion to approve; Jim seconded

New Business:

- 2025 Pitkin Nursery Order- HTC discussed the list of available trees/ shrubs that are available to order. All committee members felt our 14 options are good ones. Linda will work with Emily to order. Jim made the motion to approve ordering the 14 tree/shrub options to give away at Arborfest; Kathy seconded.
- WRV Collaborative Forest Enhancement Project Update: Linda gave an overview of the project. Lance Davidson from Boise is very active in Urban Forestry and is also great at securing grant money. He led the training in September, where we started our tree inventory project. HTC members and other volunteers continued the Hailey inventory into early November. HTC submitted for different projects in Hailey and received funding for 6 city projects. One of these projects is the risk evaluation of trees, which will help identify city trees that require pruning and other care. This evaluation will assist with city funding and prioritization of maintenance for city trees. The project will continue in 2025 with training of volunteers and students. Emily stated that the city is working with Arborcare for a long-term plan for Main Street trees. Arborcare pruned all that didn't have lights this year. Emily also asked us as we work on the inventory to identify neighborhoods/ homes that have apples that could assist The Hunger Coalition with gleaning.

Old Business:

- Committee for Construction Standard Language- Linda asked that we create a small working group to assist her in finalizing the language. David and Kelsey volunteered to be on the committee.
- Tree Inventory Update-Linda worked in Woodside; majority of trees are Spruce and Aspen most of them have some damage from borers. Sunbeam is inventoried as is Cutter's Park. HTC members discussed concerns they are seeing with the street trees in the city ROW's that are owned by the HOA's. We need the city to take care of these and possibly educate HOA members about tree care, if we can get HOA members involved. Linda reviewed the map of Tree Inventory; we still have areas in the city that are not claimed. Members that participated in the inventory project mentioned that residents

are interested in the tree inventory work. We recommended putting an article about the project in the city newsletter as well as mention it in the Arbor Day article.

- Heritage Tree Program-4 signs installed: Frank Rowland's tree on S. 5th; Norma Hepworth's tree on 5th and Silver; Cottonwood in ROW of 3rd and Bullion; Mckercher Park Maple. Walking tour map will be updated with new locations. Emily will update the google map she has created.
- Kiwanis Park Grant Update-Emily updated that we are fully approved for the project this spring. We will plant 33 trees in the spring. Earthworks will start and determine the final landscape material to be used; decomposed granite is favored and there will be no grass. Emily would like to get community involvement/ engagement lined up over the winter. We also need to create a sign to thank Cox for their engagement.

Staff Report:

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda- Next meeting is December 11,2024, 6:00PM

- Update on River Street – City activities/ development; invite Community Development
- Ellsworth Inn- coordinate with ARCH possibly consider some trees on the property for the Heritage Tree Program
- Chair and Vice Chair nomination

Adjourn: Melanie made the motion to adjourn at 7:07pm; Jim seconded