

Hailey Tree Committee

January 11, 2024 6:00pm

Attendance:

Committee Members: David Anttila, Jim Rineholt, Linda Ries, Kathy Bell,

City of Hailey: Emily Williams, Sustainability and Grants Coordinator

Call to Order: Chair David Anttila called to order at 6:00pm

Public Comment: None

Guests: None

Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes: Jim made a motion to approve; Linda seconded.

New Business:

- HTC 2024 Draft Schedule: Dates have been set for events that will need HTC volunteers:
 - May 18th: Tree planting day at Kiwanis Park. 12 Trees have been donated by Cox and will be planted around the play structures. Cox will have volunteers there; we can assist.
 - June 15th- Arbor Fest at the first day of the 2024 Hailey Farmer's Market. Trees will be shipped to Linda, however, she may not be able to attend. HTC will participate in this again if we have committee members to staff the event. We will have descriptions and photos of the mature tree species we will have to give out. The committee discussed how we could use many resources (books, photos, Arboretum map) to help residents better understand the tree seedling they are taking and how it will mature. We discussed asking for donations from individuals who take tree seedlings but are not Hailey residents to help offset the cost to the city.
 - Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20th at TCW. We need to determine if we will attend. If we do, we would like to be outside.
- Chair and Vice Chair Election- Postpone until next meeting
- Grocery Outlet: The Crabapples trees in front of the store are suffering. The Store Manager is open to new tree plantings in the new block. HTC could work on a list for him that could work in that the location
- Linda informed the committee that the Wood River Women's Foundation has opened their annual grant funding process. The foundation requires a non-profit to submit the application, so she and Emily have been working with the Wood River Land Trust on the submission. The grant submission is for the ADA path in the Arboretum, to supplement the grant received from AARP in 2023. The application process is open from Jan 12-26. If selected, finalists are required to complete a virtual presentation on March 20th. Decisions would be made by April,2024.

Old Business:

- Holiday Lighting: Linda will finalize the document and get to Emily so that it can be discussed at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Staff Report:

- Committee Vacancy-Katja Burmester withdrew her application and will not be joining. The committee is still open to looking for a volunteer to fill the vacancy.
- Emily offered to review the spreadsheet of tree pruning recommendations at a future meeting
- Tree City USA documentation has been submitted for City of Hailey

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda- Next regular meeting is February 8th, 2024, 6:00pm.

- Discuss plan for the next round of Heritage Trees and signage
- Review Tree Ordinance
- Review Hailey Street Tree List
- Airport Beautification

Adjourn: Linda made a motion to adjourn at 7pm; Jim seconded