

Hailey Tree Committee

April 11, 2024, 6:00pm

Attendance:

Committee Members: Linda Ries, Kathy Bell, Melanie Paisley, Kelsey Paxton, David Antilla

City of Hailey: Emily Williams, Sustainability and Grants Coordinator

Guests: none

Call to Order: Kelsey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment: none

Approval of March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Kathy made the motion to approve; Linda seconded

New Business:

Sunbeam Phase II Landscaping Plan Review- Prior to the committee making recommendations on the landscaping plan, Linda and Emily provided an update. Brian Yeager and Lisa Horowitz walked the Sunbeam property earlier in the week and made decisions on what trees should be removed due to the damage sustained by the Elk. Some of the damaged trees such as the junipers on the hill have been removed. Linda had also walked Sunbeam and made the following observations: Hybrid elms are along the ROW and many will not make it. The elms have not necessarily been damaged by the Elk. Many have noticeable canker wounds (fungus) that has damaged the trees. The planting stock of the trees on the west side of San Badger are the worst. Autumn Blaze are doing well and have buds; there was some rubbing from the elk, but the damage is not severe. If the trees were protected, they would most likely survive. The Linden Trees on the sledding hill do not look good and most likely will not survive. The Burr Oak, Honey Locust and Chokecherry in the park do look like they will survive. Any new trees planted need to be protected from Elk damage; the city has agreed to protect them. The HTC understands the city wants to remove the damaged trees, however, we recommend waiting a couple of weeks to act, as they will continue to bud out and should be re-evaluated. The spruce trees are not doing well and should be removed; the fir may be saved. Investing in fencing would be the best way to preserve any existing trees and any new trees that are planted. All the street trees need to have the base of the trees sprayed to get the grass out from around them. As more residents move in, weed eaters will be used and the base of the trees will be damaged.

Sunbeam Phase II Landscaping recommendations: The HTC reviewed the landscaping plan and makes the following recommendations: Norway Maple should be substituted for Sugar Maples. Autumn Blaze could be used in the park not as a street tree, due to better location for these trees. Sunscald can happen to these trees as they are a thin bark tree, so It's best to protect them from direct winter sunlight. Kentucky Coffee Tree could be a consideration in the park. HTC does not recommend planting more elms, however, if elms are used, we recommend a small quantity and would encourage a thorough inspection of the selected stock. HTC recommends protection for Elk on all new trees planted.

Motion: David makes motion to approve the recommended landscaping plan; Linda seconded.

Sunbeam Park Tree Recommendations-HTC recommends using Bristlecone Pine or Ponderosa Pine in the park if there is an interest to plant conifers.

Quigley Pathway Landscaping Recommendation-We recommend grasses or shrubs along with large rocks. Recommended shrubs would be Oakleaf Sumac, Spirea, Sage. Any plantings need to be able to stand up to snowplow/ snow removal.

Update Hailey Street Tree List- The committee discussed updating verbiage on the descriptions of the different classes of trees. We will update to consistently use the term recommended when describing the ideal planting area for each tree. The goal is to make tree selection less limiting to those who want to plant trees.

We recommend changing the order of the document and present the list in the following order: Class 3, Class 2, Class 1. We will add Rocky Mtn Maple to Class 1, remove Sugar Maple and Cork Tree from Class 2 and remove Shagbark Hickory and Northern Catalpa from Class 3.. We may create a list for a park or back yard locations that include different trees. Silver Maple could work in a wider planting strip; could be a good addition to a more general list.

Conifer list: If we have properties that have a large enough planting space that can accommodate a conifer, we could add some to the Street Tree list with caution. Scots Pine and Engelman Spruce could be added to the list. We need to give pros/cons of tree species planted and educate individuals on the risk of all trees they plant, as we want the plantings to be successful.

EarthFest Volunteers- April 20th- HTC not available

Kiwanis Tree Planting- Linda will make a site plan/ map and get to Emily. The planting is on May 18th and is our Arbor Day project.

ArborFest Volunteers- June 8; first day of the Farmer's Market. Most of the HTC members plan to attend

Old Business:

Staff Report:

Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda- Next regular meeting is May 9, 2024

Hailey Promenade landscaping

Adjourn: Kelsey made motion to adjourn at 7:26pm; Melanie seconded