

Hailey Tree Committee

September 11, 2024

Attendance:

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

City of Hailey: Emily Williams, Sustainability and Grants Coordinator

Guests: Kate Driscoll, Foxmoor Park Neighbor

Errin Bliss, Architect and Kurt Eggers, Landscape Architect for The Advocates project

Call to Order: Chair David Anttila called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Public Comment: Kate Driscoll attended the meeting to participate in the discussion for the final recommendation for trees in Foxmoor Park.

Approval of August 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Kathy made motion to approve; Kelsey seconded

New Business:

- **Advocates River Street Tree Recommendation**

Errin Bliss, Architect, provided an overview of the project plans, which is a 3-story transitional housing project located on the corner of River and W. Croy Street. It is near other Advocate's housing and will be of similar architectural style. He indicated that the 3 trees (2 Autumn Blaze Maple and 1 Canadian Red Cherry) in front of the existing Advocates building are coming out, and the sidewalk will be brought up to standard in line with the River Street Typical Section.

Kurt Eggers discussed the landscape plan in more detail. On River Street, 7 street trees are proposed, and they are recommending Norway Maple and Littleleaf Linden. On the NE corner, there is a bulb out with 1 street tree. In the Courtyard, they are proposing Maple or Flowering Crabapples. Linda questioned the use of Swedish Aspen. Kurt said there are 3 existing, so they would continue with them on the property line.

David questioned the alignment with the Downtown Master Plan and suggested that the street trees on River should be Honey Locust as agreed upon. The Bliss Architect representatives agreed with that. Errin pointed out that the space between the trees is 24'; Public Works Director, Brian Yeager said there is too much space between them at a previous meeting, so the proposed planting doesn't align with the River Street Typical Section. Emily will follow up with Brian. HTC discussed that the bulb out needs to be larger to accommodate a Swamp white oak, which would also align with the Downtown Master Plan. HTC members decided to walk the site after the meeting and determined it may make sense to save the two existing Maples. Final determination will be made in Spring, 2025.

Motion: Linda made the motion to align the landscape plan with the Downtown Master Plan with Honey Locust on River Street and a Swamp White Oak in the bulb out. Kelsey seconded. Approved unanimously.

- **City Standard Planting Recommendations:**

Emily has been talking with her colleagues in Community Development about our language we are working on for Construction Standards/ Standards of Planting. She let us know that the language HTC comes up with will be included as a condition of approval or no COO will be issued. Emily will send the final verbiage out and determine how we get it approved.

- **HTC Projects (2024 Budget)** – Linda came up with a list for consideration. Heritage Tree signs are on order. David recommended supporting the Memorial Tree project with some of our existing funds. Kelsey made the motion to approve the budget proposal; Jim seconded.

Old Business:

HTC

- **Foxmoor Park Tree Species Recommendation:** HTC discussion clarified that these are perimeter trees as the center of the park is used by kids for soccer. There are 2 stumps that need to be ground down. Kelsey had reviewed the site and believes there is room for 2 trees. HTC members suggested Honey Locust, as they are nice trees for the location. Kate Driscoll inquired as to how fast they grow. Kelsey confirmed approximately 1 ft per year. City will pay for stump grinding which will free up space and make it easier for the crews to mow around the trees.
Motion: Melanie made the motion to replace the dead trees in Foxmoor park with 2 Honey Locust; Linda seconded.

Staff Report:

- **Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda-Next Regular Meeting is October 9, 2024**
 - Language for construction standard finalize
 - Update on tree inventory

Adjorn: Chair David Anttila adjourned the meeting at 7pm.