

## Hailey Tree Committee

September 21, 2023- 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:** 6:02 Call to order by Committee Chair David Anttila

### Public Comment:

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** August 23, 2023- Kathy made motion to approve the meeting minutes; Linda seconded

### New Business:

- **Received IRA Grant for Kiwanis Park:** The grant is \$139,000; work needs to be completed. The initial dirt work and irrigation will be completed first; the trees will be planted over the next 2 years. The trees will be large, so will be installed by a contractor. The City is prioritizing the involvement of community members and neighbors to help plant shrubs, etc., so they will be engaged in the project. This was one of 400 grants awarded in the nation. We will also have plantings around the playground thanks to another grant that was awarded. (Arbor Day foundation grant that is funded by a local business)  
We will need to determine an overall planting plan before work begins in the spring. We discussed if it better to plant the trees in the fall or the spring. Either is good, however, the trees available now are limited. It's best to wait for a better selection of trees in the spring.
- **Eight (8) Heritage Tree Signs Installed:** We installed the first eight that had been approved. The Chamber will add these trees to the Hailey Historic Walking Tour. We have 4 more to install. We discussed the Weeping Willow by the sustainability center. It's on private land and could be considered for the Historic designation.
- **Select Seedlings for Arborfest:** The committee selected: Western Larch, Bur Oak, Water Birch, Rocky Mountain Maple, Syringa, White Fir, Grand Fir. We need to order in groups of 5; will order 70-80 in total for the event.
- **Review Street Tree in front of Red Door (406 N. Main):** The Linden tree in question is damaged and should be replaced; it was noted that the irrigation could be impacted by the pavers close to the tree. The tree could be removed now and replaced in the Spring. Jim made the motion to replace the Linden tree on the south side of the entrance and ensure the water/irrigation is working. Linda seconded.
- **Review Street trees at 402 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on both 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Pine Street:** Homeowner wants them to be pruned and cleaned up. One of the Silver Maple's has a severely broken limb and should be pruned. Linda made the motion to put these trees on a list to prune; Jim seconded.

- **Review leaning ROW Aspen Tree behind 721 Deerfield Dr.:** The tree was difficult to find; Emily will have it marked with surveyors' tape so the committee members can go look at it. We will review at our October meeting.

**Old Business:**

- **Holiday Lighting on Main Street Follow-up:** Linda contacted a colleague in Ketchum and discovered they have an ordinance that outlines the work for the contractor. The lights are put on the trees in November and removed by April. The ordinance also provides guidance to application. Linda volunteered to work on a letter to the Mayor and City Council regarding holiday light recommendations and share it with the committee. Many of the holiday lights that were still on the trees have been damaged or cut during pruning and they will be replaced for the upcoming holiday season. The committee would like to provide installation requirements on how to place the lights if possible.

**Staff Report:**

**Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda: Next regular meeting is October 12, 2023- 6PM**

Holiday Lighting

Aspen at 721 Deerfield Drive

East Croy Pathway Trees

**Adjourn:** Jim made the motion to adjourn at 6:57pm; Linda seconded.