

Hailey Tree Committee

November 9, 2023- 6:00pm

Attendance:

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

City of Hailey: Emily Williams, Sustainability and Grants Coordinator

Call to Order: Chair David Anttila called to order@ 6pm

Public Comment: No public comment

Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes: Linda made the motion to approve; Jim Seconded

New Business:

- Review Box Elder at 115 5th Avenue North (Removal and Replacement request):
 - Owner would like to remove the tree and replace it. Owner wants to build a home there in the future. Jim made the motion to preserve the tree until the owner provides construction plans to the city. Linda Seconded.
- Review Spruce at corner of Pine and 3rd (Pruning for visibility requested):
The tree is a Spruce; it is obstructing the view for safe crossing at the intersection. David made the motion to have the city to trim/prune the tree 5-6'. Melanie Seconded.
- Review Albertson's landscaping plan (River Street): Linda suggested Japanese Lilac; however, it would be nice to plant a conifer as part of the landscape. Planting near a transformer is a concern. Emily will ask for an updated landscaping plan that includes guidance on planting near a transformer.
- Review 317 N River Street Landscaping Plan: HTC members agreed it should comply with the master plan for River Street; should be Honey Locust. Jim made the motion to replace the Lindens in the current plan with Honey Locust. Kathy Seconded. A street tree needs to be established for Silver. It may be good for the developer to match the trees at the new development across the street. HTC needs to have a better set of plans to assist with future landscaping decisions.
- Tree City USA re-certification: Emily needs to collect volunteer hours to submit for the re-certification. HTC members need to provide information by end of next week.
- Preservation of existing ROW trees: David brought up the need to preserve the existing street trees as the development of the bike path on West Bullion Street continues. We need to work together to make the best decisions for all. The lilac trees in the promenade should be revisited, as they may not be the right height for people on bikes.

Old Business:

- Arbor Day Seedling Order: completed
- Holiday Lighting on Main Street: Linda provided a draft to present to Mayor and Council. HTC members need to review, comment and be prepared to discuss at our next meeting.
- ADF Tree Planting May 18th
- Recruit committee member to fill vacant seat: It would be great to recruit a member who is bilingual. A new member with arborist experience would be good. We could place an ad in the IME, if needed.

Staff Report: none

Discussion for topics for next agenda: Next meeting is December 14th, 2023 @6pm

Funding ideas for projects for 2024:

Woodside Blvd, replace grass with trees to reduce the cost of water usage

Tree Inventory for ROW trees

Adjourn: Melanie made the motion to adjourn at 7:25pm; Linda seconded