

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6 pm

Public comment: none

Present: City Staff –Amy Bain, HTC Chair David Antilla, HTC members –Kate Driscoll, Melanie Paisley, Kelsey Paxton, Jim Rineholt, Linda Ries (taking the minutes) Chair Antilla calls the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

Approval of November 12th, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Kelsey moves to accept minutes, Melanie seconded, and all vote in favor of the minutes.

New Business: Selection of HTC Chair and Vice-Chair. HTC discussed the November discussion of nominating Kelsey as Chair. Kelsey stated he would not be able to be chair due to his recent work promotion. After further discussion among members, no one else voiced interest in being Chair but Linda did agree to consider nomination as Chair. Kate nominated Linda as Chair, and Melanie seconded. All voted in favor of Linda being the Chair in 2026. Jim Rineholt agreed to being nominated as Vice Chair. Kate made the motion to nominate Jim as Vice Chair, Linda seconded, and all voted in favor. Linda did request someone else take the minutes in the future, and Kate volunteered to do this.

Old Business: **Arboretum discussion:** HTC decided against relocating the Arboretum through the aspens along the east side but instead decided for options to improve the steep access from the south. This could include increase width, move to minimize grade, adding steps and/or a hand rail and also improve the current access on the west side from the paved sidewalk. Linda offered to meet with Amy to discuss how to revise current plan from Titus to reflect this change of path priorities. David volunteered to work on a design for a new entrance gateway sign for the south side.

Update on 220 N 2nd : Amy shared a Memorandum dated December 8, 2025 regarding this property. Amy said she will continue to update HTC as the owner decides to move forward.

Construction standards: Linda said she will continue working on the draft planting and construction guidelines for the city to provide to landscapers. She will work with Kelsey and Jim on these drafts.

Other old business: Kelsey informed HTC about tree work done at the Stone residence on 3rd. One boxelder was removed and the other has been pruned by Arborcare using a “re-trenchment” pruning. He suggested we look at this work.

Staff Report: Amy Bain informed HTC that 3 large, mature blue spruce blew down at Heagle Park during the severe wind event on December 16th, 2025. She showed us pictures of the failed trees. Kelsey wondered if there had been also some root decay, but due to heavy rain before the wind hit, spruce have shallow roots and can fail under such situations. Amy asked HTC for help with recommendations of replacement trees. This could be added to a future agenda before planting season.

Jim moved to adjourn meeting, Melanie seconded, all in favor. Meeting is adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for February 11th, 2026