

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Public Comment: none

Present: City Staff – Amy Bain

HTC- Chair David Antilla, and HTC members; Jim Rineholt, Linda Ries, Melanie Paisley, Kelsey Paxton, Kate Driscoll

Public- Ben Young with BYLA, Samantha Stahlnecker with Opal Engineering, and Trever Brand with Hennessy Co.

Approval of February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes: David moved to accept minutes, and Melanie seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the minutes.

New Business:

Action Item 1: Presentation and review of Sunbeam Phase II landscaping plan by Ben Young of BYLA and architect Samantha Stahlnecker. Linda Ries commented on proposed tree species to use: NO true ash trees are acceptable for new plantings in Hailey due to the threat of Emerald ash borer (EAB). She also stated that Autumn blaze maples can suffer “sun scald” unless wrapped during the winter. She also suggested substituting the proposed (macana) ash with another acceptable tree such as hybrid elm, bur oak, swamp white oak or seedless honey locust. Kelsey also discussed the need to protect the Autumn blaze trees from the elk, as it takes approximately 10 years for the bark to “harden”. It was noted by Linda Ries and Jim Rineholt that some trees planted previously in the Sunbeam development had died including Linden trees that were damaged by elk. The group appreciated the attention to plan detail regarding how the trees would be planted and soil preparation. Kelsey emphasized maintaining tree wells as wide as possible and preventing grass encroachment.

Jim Rineholt made a motion: 1.) to substitute the macana ash with *Prunus padus* or similar (see above) 2.) use trunk protection during the winter for the Autumn blaze along with protection from the elk. David Antilla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The representative for Sunbeam Phase II agreed.

Action Item 2: Trevor Brand presented landscaping plans for Appaloosa Townhomes in Quigley. Landscaping is being done by Whitehead landscaping. The development will have 9 units, leased to employees of St Luke’s. Norway maples will be along the exterior streets, honey locust trees along the driveway of garage entry. Linda Ries noted that Juniper Mountain juniper would need protection from elk browsing but they should be fine within a fenced yard. Bristlecone pine seems to be much more resistant to elk browsing. She also asked if there would be decks on the

units with crawl space due to mountain lions' propensity to seek shelter there. Trevor stated that there was no such type of decking on the proposed development. Another concern was snow storage and tree placement. Trevor stated that Whitehead would be doing the snow removal and that they would be taking care not to pile snow on the trees.

David motioned to approve the landscape plan with above comments, Jim seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Action Item 3: Tree Removal 640 Tyee St. Owner contacted city to receive permission to remove large spruce from property. It was noted / Amy that the tree was already trimmed up the main stem to allow for parking under the tree. Linda noted the homeowner has already been parking a boat and trailer under the tree. The owner reported that he intended to repair cracked driveway after tree removal but that he had not yet contacted his neighbor regarding removal of the tree. There is an indication that the center of the tree in question is right on the edge of the city right of way. David made a motion to OK removal of spruce and grind the stump at the homeowner's expense. Kate seconded the motion. It passed the committee unanimously.

Old Business David has contacted Wood River High School construction class, and they may be constructing an archway, trellis entryway for the Hailey Arboretum. Final design to be reviewed prior to construction/placement.

Staff Report: It was noted that 6 cottonwood trees and 3 conifers were removed prior to the placing of the Silva cells adjacent to the Bullion Street and Hop Porter project.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:40pm.

Next meeting scheduled for April 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm