

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 6 pm

Present: HTC Chair David Antilla & **HTC members:** Linda Ries, Jim Rineholt, Melanie Paisley, Kate Driscoll, Kelsey Paxton. Minutes taken by Linda Ries. **City Staff:** Amy Bain, Brian Yeager

Public Comment: none

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Antilla.

Approval of July 9, 2025 HTC Minutes: Jim made the motion to accept minutes, Melanie – 2nd, all members voted yes.

New Business:

Last two items: Brian Yeager started a discussion on his proposed revising the existing **tree structural soil ordinance** and suggested proposed **additions to tree categories in City Code**. Linda expressed concern about eliminating much of the ordinance relating to structural soil. She said she will share this information with Matt Perkins, IDL to see what he thinks. The group did discuss both topics but did not make a motion on either.

Replacement of tree in front of Liberty. Kelsey and others had noted that the current tree was planted much too deep and this is causing some of the problems with the current tree. The group did agree this could be replaced with a **hybrid elm**, which is the tree just to the south of tree to be replaced. Planting must be done correctly (not planted too deep, with root flare visible) , and water must be monitored. Linda made the motion to remove and replace with hybrid elm, Melanie seconded it, all voted in favor.

Traq Report completed by Arborcare. Linda suggested using this detailed report to define priorities for maintenance for city's next fiscal year. Linda said she would be happy to start a prioritized management list.

Foxmoor Park- possible removal of Aspen on South side of park: The group decided it would be best at this time to trim aspen and spruce adjacent to lift branches and remove dying branches. This would benefit the park users that look for a shady spot during games, etc. Jim made the motion to trim aspen and spruce, Kelsey seconded, all voted in favor.

Old Business: construction guidelines tabled for another time.

Staff Report: Brian gave a brief update on River Street. Linda suggested not using feather grass adjacent to trees. Update on Kiwanis Park, the funds for the IRA grant are still available. Emily Williams will be surveying planting locations of trees on Monday, Sept 15th. Trees will be planted either in late fall or early spring.

Chair adjourns meeting at 8:00 pm. Next regular meeting, Oct 8, 2025.