

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

January 6, 2022

In attendance were: Tom Liverman ,Roy Gertson , Kathy Hoerlein, Dan Murray, Sarah Kuhn. Cyndi Swisher Town Trustee, & Shawn Williams , Public Works Director. Having a quorum of 5 members, a regular meeting continued at 0908 am.

Agenda approved by President Tom

Minutes ; from November 4 , 2021 meeting , a motion to approve by Kathy and 2nd by Dan Motion carried.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

Book orders - 3 hrs

2022 Total to date = 5 hrs.

Annual work plan for 2022 reviewed & set Arbor Day for May 18, project will plant approximately 20 adopt a trees. Made some changes for Publicity. Motion by Tom & 2nd by Dan to approve , motion carried

Reports;

Public Works ; Shawn discussed several items;

1. Hydro mulching the S. Railroad tree lawn spring of 2022 using a native grass mix, along with wildflowers
2. Bristlecone Tree services has completed 2021 pruning & removal project. PW had to scale back to meet budget. Dead & unhealthy trees along Waters & James that were removed really improved the tree canopy.
3. Budget approved by Town Council includes operating funds of \$1500, Pruning \$30K, & adopt tree @ \$7000.
4. Karley will prepare the adopt tree applicants spreadsheet for 2022 plantings.
5. Education & responsibilities of property owners needs further communication. Want to use , flyers, statements on the water bills, direct contact with residences, and other communication to the public. Shawn wants to use the My BV page for communications, links and tree information. Shawn asked the Board to help with information and preparing a file. Sarah wants to prepare articles for the Chaffee County Times on a regular basis.
6. Karley to work on new Mapping using the Co Tree software program.
7. Focusing on tree pruning on E. Main this year , enlisting a professional arborist for proper maintenance .
8. Shawn wants to work on sidewalk and tree conflicts. Need to complete an inventory for the sidewalk damage & will be requesting funding from Town Council for about \$12K.
9. South Main phase 2 needs tree species identified. Tree Board will assist in the selection.

Colorado State Forest ; no report

Agenda Items :

1. . Motion by Kathy & 2nd by Dan to retain our existing officers, Tom Liverman as President and Roy Gertson as secretary. Motion carried.
2. Board has purchased 8 books to be distributed to the Public Library, & school libraries. Cost = \$292.63 from our operating budget for 2021. Thanks to Sarah & Kathy.
3. Board decided to wait on any adopt tree policy revisions. We have over 20 applications from the last 2 years.
4. Memorial Tree program was discussed and Board will check out a particular area. Name tags with dates would be beneficial. We will continue developing a program.

Other Business;

1. A letter was received from Wylie & Lynda Ewing at 80 Connie residents in Sunset Subdivision pertaining to tree health & sidewalk conflicts. They would prefer to leave the trees and re-route the sidewalks.

Final comments; none

Next Meeting; February 6, 2020

Adjourned at 1053 with motion by Roy & 2nd by Tom

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary