

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

March 5, 2020

In attendance were: Tom Liverman ,Roy Gertson , Kathy Hoerlein, Patti Clark, Lin Spatcher, Cyndi Swisher Town Trustee, JT Shaver CSFS , Shawn Williams , Public Works Director, Bristlecone Tree Services Dave Ludders & Jeremy Bisher Having a quorum of 5 members, a regular meeting continued at 0910 am.

Agenda approved by President Tom , added discussion of tree issues at residence Mill St & Alsina.

Minutes ; from January 2 , 2020 meeting , a motion to approve with changes by Kathy and 2nd by Patti Motion carried.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

1 hr. Brochure display at library

1 hr. tee shirts

2020 Total to date = 6 hrs.

Annual work plan checked for 2020

Reports;

Public Works ; Shawn will present a contract to retain Bristlecone Tree Services for pruning and tree care in 2020 at our April meeting.

Shawn has started the Railroad street improvements with a new Marquette intersection and sidewalks with a 5 ft wide tree bio-swale. A tree planting design for 12 new trees is being proposed. Tree planting will be later in summer months.

Shawn mentioned on going developments including Heart of Rockies Medical center addition with tree plantings, Boulders at E. Arkansas St., Colorado Center The Factory,& Sunset Development, which all involve tree plantings & landscape.

Colorado State Forest ; JT Shaver presented the Common Grounds project involving fire mitigation. A summer intern has been hired for additional staff. Chaffee County has a tub grinder for brush chipping of fire mitigation tree pruning and other brush.

JT mentioned CSFS would like Buena Vista to host the annual Western Colorado Tree Conference on September 11. Theme will be “Right Tree Right Place”. with several speakers. Public and communities will be invited. We will need to coordinate with CSFS Vince Urbina, & Adam Moore. CSFS will schedule the speakers agenda. Community Center or Sangre de Cristo Electric meeting rooms would good.

All members agreed to proceed with the conference.

JT is still planning a tree trunk resistivity investigation for Salida & Buena Vista. This tests for tree trunk solidity.

JT also discussed the ongoing Western Spruce Budworm and impacts.

Agenda Items :

1. Town Tree license was upgraded requiring liability insurance. Other requirements are being considered. Bryan Grant, Town Code Enforcement is to present a draft at April meeting.

2. Tree Order: Members discussed tree species options and decide to order the adopt a trees from Little Valley Wholesale Nursery. Projects include adopt a tree and S. Railroad Improvement bio-swale plantings (10 trees).. Members decided to order 20 trees for the adopt tree program. If we have trees left over , they could be planted on S. Railroad . Shawn will check budget as the project proceeds for extra tree costs.

Shawn to order; 10 - Spring Snow Crabapple

2 - Autumn Blaze Maple

2- David Elm

2- Lindan

2- Radiant Crabapple

2- Russian Hawthorn

all trees to be 1.5 inch caliper.

3. All Members want to be re-instated , if their membership has expired. Tom to check with Town Hall.

4. 133 Dreamcatcher 6 spruce trees planted along front street easement. Previous homeowner had planted the six trees too close and will eventually become a serious problem. Homeowner wants to have the trees removed. it would be too costly to move, so removal is the best option. Shawn to contact homeowner ,that they can remove at their cost. Members did suggest that 1 spruce on the far south of the row, looked very healthy and could remain.

5. Street trees at Residence corner of Mill St & Alsina. The property is being evacuated for development and the existing Elms are obstructing sidewalk alignment and need pruning or removed. Shawn will contact the Planning Dept. for the plans of re-development.

Other Business;

none

Final comments; none

Next Meeting; April 2 , 2020

Adjourned at 1055 with motion by Patti & 2nd by Kathy

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary