

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

July 11 , 2019

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Roy Gertson , Kathy Hoerlein, Patti Clark, Sarah Kuhn, Shawn Williams, & Cyndi Swisher, TownTrustee . Having a quorum of 5 members, a regular meeting continued at 0910 am.

Agenda approved by President Tom after asking for any additions.

Minutes ; from June 6 meeting , motion to approve by Patti and 2nd by Tom . Motion carried.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

Arbor Day = 38 hrs.

Adopt Tree = 32

Library display = 1 hr

Addresses adopt tree = 1 hr.

Brochures = 2 hrs.

2019 Total to date = 86 hrs.

Annual work plan checked.

Reports;

Public Works ; Shawn wanted to have a pruning scoping at next meeting August 1st, We have a budget of \$25K for pruning. Angie from Terra Firma to conduct a tree condition survey of Columbine Park .

We have 5 Ponderosa Pine trees to plant and suggested the new baseball field in River park . Also need to plant a Spring Snow crabapple tree at median at Linderman/ Cottonwood Ave. and a Box Elder Tree @ N. Railroad & E. Main .

Boulders Subdivision plan set will be available. Considering 1 tree / lot in front & 1 tree in rear of lot.

Cemetery is on schedule for a new irrigation system this year.

Public works is still looking at the Charles St planting area for a future project.

Colorado State Forest ; no report

Agenda Items :

1. Arbor Day; Planting May 17th, 5 trees (4- Spring Snow and 1- Sensation Box Elder) went well and trees are looking good. Participants had a fun day planting and socializing along E. Main.
3. Adopt a Tree: planted 15 trees, in one day Plantings June 6 . Sarah & Kathy laminate sheet for homeowners was placed on tree cage. Watering Care letters were distributed to each applicant. Tree Board members acknowledged and thanked the Public Works Dept, making the plantings happen.
Letters for tree care was sent to applicants for the past 5 years
4. Columbine Park; Shawn will contact Angie Jenson (certified Arborist) from Terra Firma to survey Columbine park for tree pruning.

5. New High School Landscape plan still pending. Landscaping will probably occur in Late summer of 2020.
6. Set work session July 16 at 0800 Public Works. We will focus on 2018 Adopt a tree plantings.

Other Business; 1. Kathy mentioned a good book “The Nature Fix “ by Florence Williams, describing how landscape & trees enhance the natural world.

2. Kathy and Shawn discussed the Noxious , invasive weed program administered by Chaffee County. The Town’s Code enforcement officer is also working on problem areas.

3. Budget preparation for 2020 is starting August 13, Tree board needs to prepare a presentation.

Final comments; none

Next Meeting; August 1 , 2019

Adjourned at 10:30, with motion by Roy , 2nd by Kathy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gertson
Secretary