

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

September 3, 2020

In attendance were: Tom Liverman ,Roy Gertson , Dan Murray, Kathy Hoerlein, Patti Clark, JT Shaver CSFS , Shawn Williams , Public Works Director, Having a quorum of 5 members, a regular meeting continued at 0903 am. Sean Schaffer a local Tree Arborist also attended .

Agenda approved by President Tom , no comments from Members

Minutes ; from March 5, , 2020 meeting , a motion to approve with changes by Kathy and 2nd by Dan .Motion carried.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

9 hrs. - 4 members adopt tree 2019 maintenance

2020 Total to date = 17 hrs.

Annual work plan checked for 2020

Reports;

Public Works ; Shawn discussed several items & presented a comprehensive staff report.

Hazardous tree removal at S. Gunnison & Mill St alley ROW

We need to re-visit tree species for the Factory development plan .

Shawn will send out plan sheet.

Several dead tree issues relating to last October freeze and dry windy spring conditions. Roy is preparing list of dead trees, mostly recently planted and will send to members.

PW works crew has been deep watering several young trees, especially along E. Main.

Presented plan for new building at Court St & E.Main with a tree scape. Members suggested Spring Snow, Canada Red Cherry , Plains Cottonwood species for the tree wells located in the sidewalk. This would be similar to E. Main Street scape. An irrigation system would also be installed.

PW have been putting out watering flyers to areas having dying trees.

Colorado State Forest ; JT Shaver mentioned CSFS would like Buena Vista to host the annual Western Colorado Tree Conference , maybe next year. This year will be a Virtual conference on Thursday November 5. as a zoom format. Roy will send out details on viewing.

JT has not received many calls on “sick trees” . County is experiencing Pinyon scale, Spruce Budworm,& Spruce Beetle infestations.

JT said the CTC grant is available this year with an application due in December.

CSFS has also been working on areas for wildfire fuel breaks. Members had some discussion on existing wildfires within the state

Agenda Items :

1. Memorial tree for Lin Spatcher , tree board member that passed away this year . Tree Board would like to provide & plant a tree. Family would like an Apricot tree planted on their property next to ROW of Marquette Ave. Brady's West have Apricot Trees and would like a Tree Board member to pick out. Board discussed planting the tree next year in May, so tree would be able to establish before the winter season. Planting now would be risky for it's survival. Roy will contact the family.

2. Budget 2020, after waiting for any Covid 19 impacts , our budget has been verified.

Tree Board Expenses \$ 1,500

Tree pruning & removals @ \$25,000

Adopt a tree \$ 6,000

Since it's too late for any viable plantings , Tree Board presented a motion to use all remaining budget (\$31,000) on Tree pruning & removals. Motion by Tom with a 2nd by Patti and all members agreed.

The adopt tree program would resume in 2021.

3. Tree Pruning & scoping. Members set a workshop on Thursday September 10th @ 1 pm to meet at McPhelemy park to scope tree maintenance. Several other areas will also be evaluated, including Mill St & Alsina , and Waters Ave. & Crossman.

4. Shawn is still planning on Ponderosa Pine plantings at the new water Tank along CR 306 . He will contact the Tree Board for volunteers.

5. Landscape plans review : The Farm needs some attention to species and ongoing maintenance , especially watering.

The new Middle & High school landscape project is proceeding. They did receive our planting guide and species list.

6. The S. Railroad Ave. construction is proceeding with new tree lawns and realignment. Shawn suggested an Arbor day 2021 event to plant 10 -12 trees. Watering will have to be manually applied.

Other Business; none

Final comments; Patti Clark is moving to Yuma Colorado, thus resigning as a member as of September 31st. The Members thanked Patti for her commitment and awesome work on the Board and volunteering for all our plantings, maintenance, events & meetings. She also maintained our educational brochure display. She will be missed.

Next Meeting; October 1, 2020

Adjourned at 1035 with motion by Patti & 2nd by Kathy

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary