

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

March 2, 2023

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Alison Hopkins , Mercedes Siegal - Gaither (CSFS), and Cindy Swisher (Town Trustee). Having a quorum of 4 members, Guests Mallory Brooks, & Caleb Efta. Meeting continued at 0908

Agenda no changes , Chairman approved

Minutes ; from January 12, 2022 meeting , Tom's motion to approve & 2nd by Dan ; members approved

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin
+ 2hrs Admin
total 4 hrs.

Annual work plan , reviewed

Public Works report;

Allison presented Public Works items:

Town was awarded a CTC grant for \$1758. Project includes the planting of 9 trees along various sites of E. Main St. for Arbor Day. Trees to be purchased from Alameda Wholesale Nursery. Tree board to tour planting sites after A pril meeting

Discussion continued about ice melt salt used along E. main sidewalks, that causes tree damage in the sidewalk grates. Tree Board recommends using sand for this purpose. Tree Board will pursue information to the business owners.

Boulders & S. Main subdivisions approved trees species are pending.

CSFS : Forester Mercedes mentioned tree pruning workshop in Salida in April. She will notify us of the date for attendance. Methods to examine hazardous trees with a sonograph (measures tree density) and coring will be conducted in Salida in July. Mercedes will invite us.

Several fire mitigation projects are on going in the County conducted by CSFS in conjunction with National Forest service.

Business: 1. Officers Chairman Tom Liverman And Secretary Roy Gertson will continue serving.

2. Adopt Tree application was reviewed and discussion of a fee. Decided to keep the same application , without any fees. Tree Board to perform more inspections and communications with each applicant. Motion to approve existing form by Tom and Dan 2nd, Members approved. We presently have 1 - application for this year. Suggested planting on Arbor day. Tree Board will inspect the site on the April 6 tour.

3. A tree Memorial plaque design file was turned over to Allison to develop.

4. Arbor Day is May 17 th for the 9 tree plantings along E. main St. Tree order to be finalized at April 6th meeting.

5. Tree Inventory and software purchase is pending on a possible funding grant from National Forest Service. Our last survey conducted in 2011 is being reviewed . In 2018 a management needs list was prepared, but not an inventory.

Other Business; A Tree Diversity Conference is being held March 10th in Denver, a On-line format is also available. Cost is \$ 45.00

Final Comments : Mallory and Caleb are interested in applying as Tree Board Members. Mallory has submitted her application to Town Hall.

Next Meeting; April 6 , 2023 at 0900 am

Adjourned at 10:45 with motion from Roy & 2nd from Tom approved by members

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary