

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

June 1 2023

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Alison Hopkins , Sarah Kuhn, Mallory Brooks, Caleb Efta , Cindy Swisher Town Trustee & Shawn Williams Public Works Director, Josh Kuehn (CSFS) & Angie Jensen Arborist.

Having a quorum the meeting opened at 0910

Meeting continued at 0902

Agenda Chairman approved with no changes

Minutes ; from May 4, 2023 meeting , Tom's motion to approve & 2nd by Dan ; members approved

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

45 hrs Arbor Day

total 61 hrs.

Annual work plan , reviewed on schedule

Public Works report;

Shawn: discussed : Town Council placed a moratorium on new development applications for strategy to reviews.

New EMS building is proceeding off Gregg Dr.

Need to look at code for 25 ft lots to require only 1 tree per lot.

Checking hazardous trees , & removals in Summersong & Sunset developments.

Looking at Water conservation and Tree species Identification

CSFS : Josh was present to discuss the concepts of fire mitigation & tree removals. Angie brought up the extensive tree removals at Turtle Rock campground area . Josh explained the concept of fire mitigation and creating open grass land for better wildlife habitat .

Business: 1. SDCEA Easement tree clearing: Angie Jensen made a presentation of the SDCEA project to clear trees within their easements., resulting in large numbers of tree removals. Project is for fire mitigation's SDCEA is liable for fire created by their power lines. Angie is concerned with a better way to manage the Urban Forest growing in their easements. Several concepts were discussed including;

survey trees for specific maintenance , need detailed scope of work, assess trees not impacting power lined but within the SDCEA easement, Is there any funding to replace trees in a different location ? Does SDCEA have GIS system for their easements and tree Identifications.? Future public meetings would be helpful explaining the project goals.

Tree Board to make comments on a specific Google Drive format and submit to Shawn and Town Council.

2. Arbor Day follow up: Planted 18 trees in two days, E. Main St replacements & 5 adopt trees applicants . gave away 60 Spruce seedling trees. at the information booth. Thanks to Public Works staff and 45 hrs of Tree Board volunteer hrs.

3. Have two new Adopt Tree applicants for next year.

4. Tree inventory and software still pending. Concerned with the annual fees of the software.

5. Alison is working on the Memorial Tree plaques & stands for Founding Tree Board Member Barbara Little and Past member Lin Spatcher. The memorial trees, Ponderosa Pines were planted in McPhelmy Park a couple years ago. Rocky Mtn Engraving will print the plaques and stands.

Other Business; 1. received our 34 year Tree City USA Plaques and Flag.

2. Set June 8th at 0900 to inspect the 2022 adopt trees planted.

3. Cindy is concerned with the Town Lake trees, especially the large Willows. Replacement trees should be planted for the future shade trees.

Final Comments : none

Next Meeting; July 6, 2023 at 0900 am

Adjourned at 10:50 with motion from Roy & 2nd from Tom , approved by members.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary