

# Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

## July 6 2023

In attendance were: Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Sarah Kuhn, Mallory Brooks, Caleb Efta , Cindy Swisher Town Trustee & Shawn Williams Public Works Director, Luke Hiotis of Hemlock Consulting

Having a quorum the meeting commenced at 0904

**Agenda** ; added Spring snow plantings & EAB survey

**Minutes** ; from June 1, 2023 meeting , Caleb motion to approve & 2nd by Mallory ; members approved

**Volunteer time** ; 2 hrs. Admin

9 hrs 2022 adopt trees survey

1 hr Caleb research

total 73 hrs.

**Annual work plan** , reviewed , need to survey the annual tree removal & pruning project. Budget is \$35K , Public Works already has a list of trees to inspect. Talked about the resistivity instrument to determine tree trunk integrity. Luke is willing to help to identify hazardous trees. Need to set a date for the survey.

Public Works report;

Shawn: discussed : still Need to look at code for 25 ft lots to require only 1 tree per lot. This would require a code change. Need Memo to Council.

Shawn will include the Tree Board for referral on developments and tree landscaping.

New project on Carbonate St housing

Boulders , & S. Main have not decided on tree species.

Luke Hiotis introduced himself and Hemlock Tree Care consulting service. Luke a master arborist and is certified for Hazardous tree identification. His risk assessments and tree health identification could be very valuable. Luke could also help with the upcoming SDCEA easement project.

**CSFS** : no report , but sent out a memo on the recent finding of the Emerald Ash Borer in Carbondale. The memo suggested inspecting our Ash Trees..

**Business: 1.** SDCEA Easement tree clearing: Shawn presented our memo & comments to the Town Council . Shawn will be meeting with SDCEA on the project. A public meeting has not been set by SDCEA. Their website does explain the project. The BV Tree Board realizes the safety issues with large trees next to Power lines .

**2.** Tree Inventory software (Co. Tree) was purchased

**3.** 2022 planted adopt trees ; Inspection by Tom, Dan & Roy of the 18 trees planted . All trees looked good and were being watered . Tree straps were removed and some light pruning.

4. Sarah 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.

5. The two remaining Spring Snow crabapple trees will be planted in August.

6. Board members will check our Ash trees for the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer. Divided the locations among members. Sunset Subd - Roy & Dan ; E. Main - Sarah, & S. Main - Mallory. Roy will prepare the location list.

**Other Business;** 1. Caleb researched the issues of Forest Service tree removal project in 4-Mile area. The project was performed as a Habitat Improvement providing open space for plant diversity and grazing for bighorn sheep.

**Final Comments :** Discussion of the role of the Tree Board as an advisory Board to the Town Council and not the public involvement of citizen tree groups. We can be involved in citizen groups as individuals.

Shawn mentioned future projects to upgrade the sprinkler systems in McPhelmy and Columbine Parks.

**Next Meeting;** August 3, 2023 at 0900 am

Adjourned at 10:48 with motion from Roy & 2nd from Sarah , approved by members.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary