

# Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

## August 3 2023

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Roy Gertson , Sarah Kuhn, Alison Hopkins, Shawn Williams Public Works Director, Buena Vista Mayor Libby Fay, , Guest Tom Fox  
Having a quorum the meeting commenced at 0915

**Agenda** ; Motion to accept by Sarah, & 2nd By Tom, motion carried

**Minutes** ; from July 6, 2023 meeting , Sarah motion to approve & 2nd by Tom ; members approved

**Volunteer time** ; 2 hrs. Admin

15 hrs Ash tree inspection

8 hrs Pruning scoping

year total = 98 hrs.

Public Works report;

Shawn: : opened discussion of SDCEA easement project. The high voltage , bare wire transmission lines are concerning with tree obstructions. SDCEA want to clear their Easements 15 ft on either side of the power lines.

Crossings Subdivision Landscape plans is being developed for review.

Community Center grounds and McPhelmy Park are being planned for major upgrades, especially irrigation systems.

**CSFS** : no report

**Business:** 1. SDCEA Easement tree clearing: Shawn continued discussions about project, An organization has been formed BV Tree Coalition to scrutinize SDCEA project and circulate a citizen petition for a 1 year study period.. Tom Fox discussed the groups rationale for a 1 year project moratorium to plan the project and to look for grants . Group wants to see power lines buried and keep tree canopy intact. The franchise agreement especially the easement conditions are being reviewed. . SDCEA has contacted an Arborist to plan project. Integrity Tree services has been selected to perform the project.

A work session with the Town Council SDCEA , Tree Board , BV Tree Coalition & concerned citizens has been scheduled for August 22 at 5:30. Community Center.

Tree board to prepare a Memorandum and presentation.

2. Tree Inventory software (Co. Tree) was purchased and being reviewed by Alison. Questioned whether the 2018 inventory can be used a starting point for data entry.

3. Members inspected the Ash trees around town, approx 144 trees. No evidence of the Emerald Ash Borer were identified. One resident at 107 Windwalker stated a EAB had killed their Ash tree 2 years ago. After inspecting other nearby ash trees , no evidence of the EAB resulted. Specific identification was not available from the landowner.

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, Pon-

derosa Pines were planted in McPhelmy Park a couple years ago. Rocky Mtn Engraving will print the plaques and stands. No progresss at this time.

5. Set August 29 0900 to plant the remaining Hawthorn tree at the Roastery

**Other Business;** none

**Next Meeting;** September 7, 2023 at 0900 am

Adjourned at 11:14 with motion from Tom & 2nd from Sarah , approved by members.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary