

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

January 2, 2020

In attendance were: Tom Liverman ,Roy Gertson , Kathy Hoerlein, Patti Clark, Cyndi Swisher Town Trustee, Grant Bryans BV Code Enforcement & Shawn Williams , Public Works Director. Having a quorum of 4 members, a regular meeting continued at 0902 am.

Agenda approved by President Tom

Minutes ; from November 7 , 2019 meeting , a motion to approve with changes by Kathy and 2nd by Patti Motion carried.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

2020 Total to date = 2 hrs.

Annual work plan checked for 2019

Reports;

Public Works ; Shawn prepared & submitted our application for Tree City USA for 2019. 31 years.

He will present a contract to retain Bristlecone Tree Services for pruning and tree care in 2020 at our February meeting.

Shawn presented a written Staff report pertaining to BV tree issues. Highlights include

1. 2020 budget: Tree Board admin/ arbor Day \$1500

Adopt A-Tree = \$ 6,000

Removal & pruning = \$25,000

2. Wants to plant the 5 Ponderosa trees (mulched and onsite at Public Works) at new Water Tank site.

3. The Railroad street improvements bids will be opened January 7, 2020. A tree planting design for 12 new trees is being proposed, along with extensive street improvements. Shawn mentioned on going developments including Sunset Vista 7, E. Arkansas St, Pinon & Beldan improvements, New Middle & High School, The Farm, Colorado Center, which all involve tree plantings & landscape. Another project which expands the water treatment facility is a top priority.

Colorado State Forest ; no report

Agenda Items :

1. Town tree services license was discussed with ideas to have increased qualifications for a Town License. Presently the Town requires only a fee, and insurance. Grant the Town's Code Enforcement Officer presented the existing ordinances and concepts regulating this license. Town staff time is important administering this license and should be considered. Shawn suggested using references and experience as guidelines to issue an license. safety should also be an issue. These items should be on the license application. Discussed adding the insurance & liability requirements on the license or

code. Grant did mention that changes to the license could be done administratively and not require a code change. Members also talked about the idea of a test with tree pruning questions as a requirement. Grant will send members the Salida Tree License application test. A proposed draft will be prepared by Grant and discussed at our February meeting.

2. Planting Guide Tree list project will be continued this year with inspections of our experimental trees. Our existing Planting Guide has 30 tree species listed . Autumn Blaze Maple and Apricot trees are two species suggested to be reviewed.
3. Annual Work Plan was developed. Arbor Day was scheduled for May 21st, planting 5 Ponderosa Pines at the new water tank. Bio-swales will also be designed for the plantings. Adopt a tree, tree replacements and the Railroad Street project involve new plantings. Motion by Tom to accept the 2020 annual plan , second by Kathy. Members passed the motion.
4. Motion by Patti & 2nd by Kathy to retain our existing officers, Tom Liverman as President and Roy Gertson as secretary. Motion carried by members.

Other Business;

1. Kathy presented research and ideas on ice control on Town sidewalks. Street Trees are being compromised with citizens using Chloride salts for ice control. Other options include using; Sand, Kitty Litter, Alfalfa Meal, Beet juice, & coffee grounds. Sand seems to be the best and inexpensive. Cyndi stated the Town should not pay for sidewalk ice control, as the Municipal Code requires adjacent property to be responsible for snow removal & ice control. Some public relation notices would be helpful. Shawn to put wording on the water bills.

2. Tom will check on members term renewals.

Final comments; none

Next Meeting; February 6, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson
Secretary