

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

January 12, 2023

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Alison Hopkins, Shawn Williams Public Works Director. Mercedes Siegal - Gaither (CSF), and Kelly Solis (CFS). Having a quorum of 4 members, meeting continued at 0907

Agenda Motion by Tom, Dan 2nd . Members approved

Minutes ; from November 3, 2022 meeting , Tom's motion to approve & 2nd by Dan ; members approved

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

Annual work plan , new plan on agenda

Public Works report;

1. Tree City USA application prepared and sent to CSF for 34 years.
2. BristleCone Tree services completed the 2022 tree pruning & removal project with good results.
3. Parks supervisor Chris Hartley wants to light prune trees along E.Main.
4. 3 story bldg Court Street Social on E.Main & S,Court will plant three trees (Spring Snow) this spring (waiting on tree grates) , They will be on irrigation and the irrigation system is designed to extend to the vacant properties to the east.
5. Shawn presented budget for 2023: \$1500 operations & education
\$ 30,000 for pruning & removals
\$ 7500 for tree purchases
6. Alison began discussion of tree inventory program with a video conference call with Tree Plotter and Co Tree view software. A town trees survey and inventory is a good management tool and will help with future funding grants. Federal funding is approved for tree work and is in the process for distribution. This funding thru the US Forest Service would be availability for the inventory software and implementation, as well as planting projects. Cost of software is \$ 1500/year. Board agreed to continue research and the procurement of Federal funding.

CSFS : Forester Mercedes introduced associate Kelly Solis. They will follow up on the Federal funding sources. Also discussed were methods to examine hazardous trees with a sonograph (measures tree density) and coring.

The Tree City USA application has been received for processing.

Business: 1. Adopt Tree guidelines were continued to February meeting

2.. 2023 work plan approved with motion by Tom & 2nd by Dan. Plan will be sent to Town Council. It sets Arbor day for May 17, proposed project for tree planting on E. Main, skate park , & Adopt Trees. Estimate 10 new trees. For 2023 , project to survey the E.Main tree grate trees with replacements in 2024.

3. Memorial tree plaques continued to February Meeting

4. Book order completed with 23 books through local shop “ Once Upon a Trapeze Bookstore” . Cost is \$ 485. Books will be given to Public Library.

5. Colorado Tree Coalition tree grant was prepared and submitted for planting project along E. Main. Grant request is \$ 3515 and a Town Match of \$ 1757. Total project cost is \$ 7688 , which includes in kind labor and equipment from Public Works. Nine trees are to be planted along E. Main, on Arbor Day May 17th. New experimental species have been chosen that will further diversify the streetscape.

Other Business; 1. Alison will request Town Hall to print on the the water bill statement a message that the Tree Board needs two more members.

Final Comments : none

Next Meeting; February 2 , 2023 at 0900 am

Adjourned at 10:55 with motion from Roy & 2nd from Tom approved by members

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Gertson
Secretary