

Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

May 4 2023

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Alison Hopkins , Sarah Kuhn, Mallory Brooks, Caleb Efta(Awaiting Membership appointment) , & Shawn Williams Public Works Director

Having a quorum the meeting opened at 0910

Tom Inza (Sngre de Cristo Electric Association, also in attendance

Meeting continued at 0910

Agenda added adopt tree applicant site visit , Chairman approved

Minutes ; from April 6, 2023 meeting , Tom's motion to approve & 2nd by Dan ; members approved

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs. Admin

6 hrs E. Main toir

total 14 hrs.

Annual work plan , reviewed on schedule

Guest Tom Inza from SDCEA presented the upcoming tree removal project within the Town Limits. Trees within 15 ft of a power line will be removed on both public & private lands as a fire mitigation strategy. That's a 30 ft ROW that SDCEA wants cleared of trees. Tree removal is scheduled to start October 1st, working in town quadrants. The Tree Board wants a official notification from SDCEA and communications of this huge impact to the Town's Urban Forest. Tree Board sees concessions with the project, especially trees that are not impacting the Power line ROW. Public Meetings should be conducted.

Public Works report;

Shawn: discussed

A sidewalk project involving tree root upliftings. Relocation of sidewalks and grinding the raised concrete are options. TB suggested tree species that have a downward root growth and planting sites that do not affect sidewalk or roads. Also, a root barrier specification for the tree site will prevent sidewalk or pavement damage.

Shawn will prepare the resolution for new Members Caleb Eftar & Mallory Brooks Town Council approval.

The Boulders subdivision is progressing , but the tree species & sites are still being reviewed.

CSFS : no report

Business: 1. Allison will order the Tree Inventory software, but will need help preparing the actual survey. Tree Board approved a \$2000 expense from the TB budget.

2. Allison discussed plans for Arbor Day is May 17 for the 9 tree plantings along E. main St. We have ordered 100 Blue Spruce bare root trees for giveaway. Will set up Booth at Tennis Court Parking lot. for an educational presentation (required by the

CTC grant) from 11:00 to 1:00. Advertising event on Town's web site & Chaffee County Times. Public Works crew will block off E, Main from Evans to 3-way intersection for workers and Public. Trees have been ordered from Alameda Wholesale Nursery for E.-Main plantings (9 Trees) consisting of: Imperial Honey Locust, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Thornless Cockspur Hawthorne, Greenspire Linden.

3. Adopt tree applicants (5) will be scoped after this meeting, trees ordered and planted as a second day to Arbor Day.

4.. 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.

Other Business; none

Final Comments : none

Next Meeting; June 1 , 2023 at 0900 am

Adjourned at 10:15 with motion from Roy & 2nd from Sarah approved by members.

Members proceeded to the 5 adopt tree sites for scoping.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary