

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR

Zoom Meeting

Mission Statement

The City of Bentonville Tree & Landscape Advisory Committee serves as an advisory committee to the City Council and to City Staff working to maintain, improve, renew and protect the urban forest in public rights-of-way, as well as to share information with the public, enhance appreciation of trees, promote proper tree care, and encourage participation in the development of Bentonville's urban forest.

Tagline

Grow with trees.

AGENDA

Members

Scott Eccleston, 11/14/20

Nathan Lembke, 7/25/20

David Short, 5/23/23

Jon Terlouw, 12/31/21

Ralph Weber, 12/31/21

Staff

Danielle Semsrott, Senior
Planner

Geoff Braga, Urban
Forester

Emily Krol,
Horticulturalist

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spring Tree Giveaway Recap

- Saturday, April 18th, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Community Center
- 337 trees available, 2 per household: 5g Redbuds (100), 3g Red Maple (100), 3g Pin Oak (37), 3g Bald Cypress (100)
- 286 pre-reserved trees picked up, 29 pre-reserved trees were not picked up
- 22 trees set aside for those that didn't/couldn't pre-register and those were all taken

2. Update on Roundabout Landscaping – NE J Street & Museum Way

- In 2019 T & L Committee approved funding native plants (\$12,000) and soil (\$3,000)
- Crystal Bridges will irrigate, light, plant and maintain
- Currently underway
- Design – see pics below and sketch on page 6



3. Roundabout Landscaping – SW Bright Road & SW Gator Blvd (ties into New Business #5)

- Potential partnership with Public Art Advisory Committee
- 5 x 5-foot open heart sculpture created from aluminum diamond plate. Permanent piece. See page 7.
- Received approval from artist that he is ok with us designing landscaping
- Fund design and purchase of landscaping – contract out (motion and a 2nd)
- No irrigation



NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome!

- Jon Terlouw, Committee Member
- Geoff Braga, City of Bentonville Urban Forester

2. Ordinance Discussion – Jon Stanley, Senior Planner

- Discussion on allowing decorative landscape rock
- Earth tone, chocolate, etc.
- Reasoning is that there's a desire to use it, standard staple in design. Although the 80/20 rule in Sec. 1400.04(g) is difficult to enforce. Need to be realistic in how we measure it; implementable.
- Sec. 1400.04(g) *Groundcover materials*. Groundcover should be planted to minimize the impact of expansive areas without plant coverage. (1) Living material. Living materials, such as lawn grass or herbaceous groundcovers like juniper or lirioppe, etc., shall cover a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the landscaped street frontage buffer. Herbaceous groundcover shall be planted and maintained in a mulched bed. One hundred percent (100%) of living materials is strongly encouraged.
- Remove 1400.08(e) *Number of trees required*. Trees shall be provided at a minimum rate of one (1) tree per 125 square feet or fraction thereof of interior parking lot landscaping area.

3. Residential & Commercial Landscaping of the Month Award

- May – October
- The following nominations are rolled over from 2019
- 412 SE D Street
- 302 SE 2nd Street
- 209 SE 3rd Street
- 306 NW C Street
- SW Pine Avenue – 1805 to 1901
- 2010 SW Spruce Road
- Next City Council agenda deadline is May 28th for June 9th meeting

4. Grow with Trees Award

- Brick Avenue Lofts, Tuesday, May 19th, late afternoon event leading into happy hour, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mayor present award certificate at 4:00 p.m. – postponed until late summer/early fall, date TBD
- Should we move forward with Blake Street House (NE corner of NE Blake & NE B Streets) now and Thaden School when complete?



5. Landscaping of Public Art Advisory Committee Art Installations

- Could be a great partnership between two city committees
- Hurdle concerning new decorative landscaping due to limited maintenance staff
- Perhaps Adopt-a-Spot landscaping?

- How can we sell this as community enhancement?
- Committee perhaps provide design and/or plant material recommendations

6. Fall Tree Giveaway

- DAC – tentative, need to confirm once we decide on date
- October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – thoughts on that date?

OTHER BUSINESS

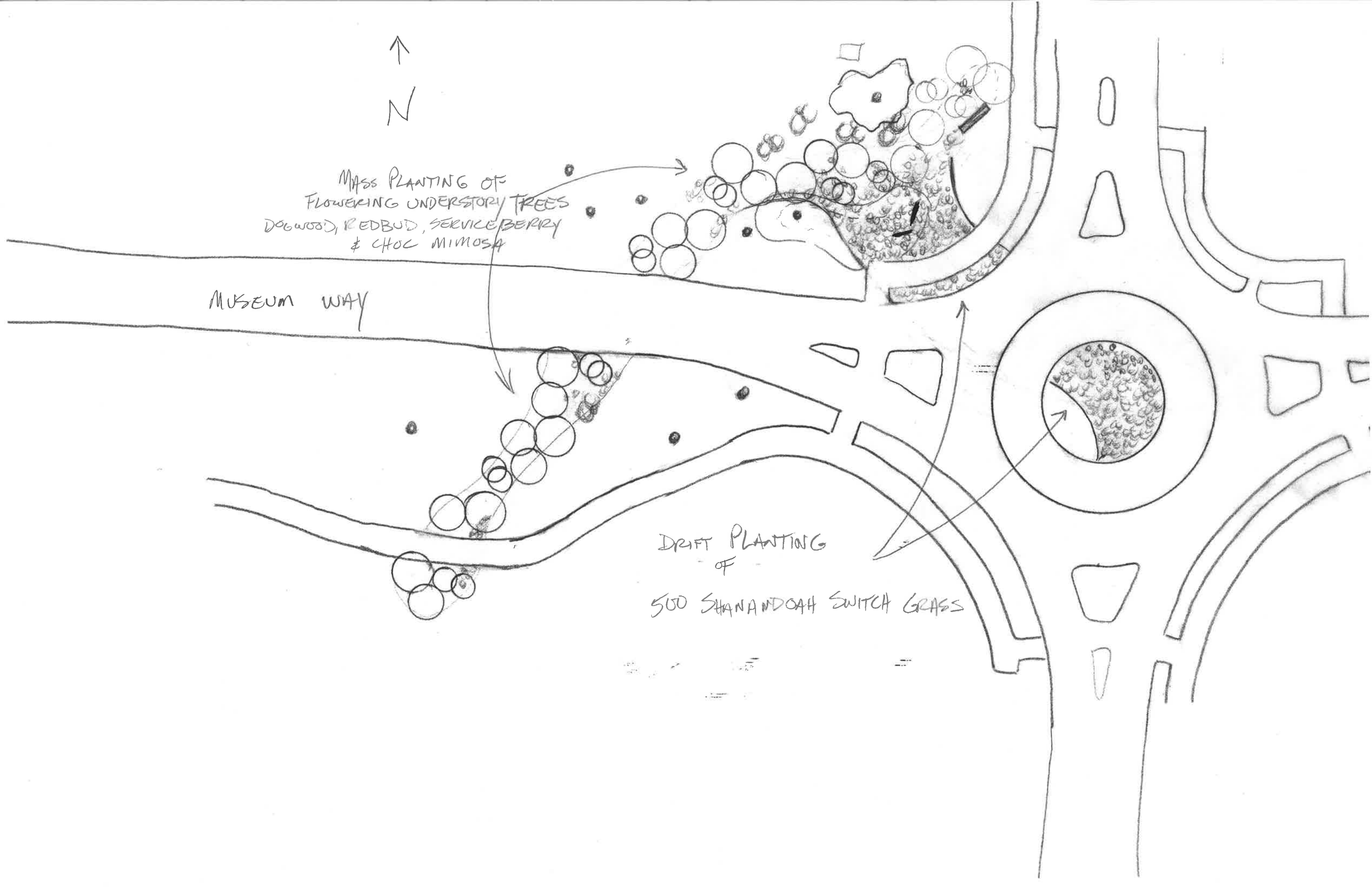
- Next Committee meeting Thursday, June 18th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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MASS PLANTING OF
FLOWERING UNDERSTORY TREES
DOGWOOD, REDBUD, SERVICE BERRY
& CHOC MIMOSA

MUSEUM WAY

DRIFT PLANTING
OF
500 SHANANDOAH SWITCH GRASS



Ordinance Attachment A
PUBLIC ART PURCHASE AGREEMENT
Open Heart by Matthew Duffy
EXHIBIT A



Artist	Matthew Duffy
Title	Low-Poly Open Heart
Type	Sculpture
Medium	Welded Laser-cut Aluminum Diamond Plate
Dimensions	8ft x 8ft x 2.5ft
Installation	Bolted to stone or concrete pedestal.
Display Site	Bright Road Roundabout: Inside the roundabout at the intersection of SW Bright Rd. and SW Gator Blvd.

Description

Artist Matthew Duffy created the open-air heart design with a computer program that uses advanced algorithms to reconstruct 3-D objects using only triangular planes. The heart shape arose in expression of his deep affection for his wife who was out of the country at the time. Duffy experimented with several versions, including cut-wood and recycled plastic, to create a solid sculpture. Wanting viewers to look through the piece, the artist used a water jet cutting machine to double-cut each triangle from aluminum diamond plate. This material adds contrasting textures while withstanding harsh weather conditions.

