

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR

Zoom Meeting – the public and non-committee members may contact chyatt@bentonvillear.com to request participation via Zoom.

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82341556426?pwd=clgwVWsxTWNMWw3bVZkeDR4ekZTd09>

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Tagline: Grow with trees.

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Jessie Wagner, Chair, 12/31/23
Ralph Weber, 12/31/24
Mark Lankford 12/31/25
Mark Bray, 12/31/24
Ashley Harris 12/31/25

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Holly Hook, 12/31/27

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Geoff Braga, Urban Forester
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Christopher Hyatt, Planner

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING - Meeting is being recorded.

1. ***Meeting Summary Approval –March 16, 2023**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **First Friday Recap**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Spring Tree Giveaway**
2. **Tree and Landscape Manual Update**
3. **Guest Speaker: Eric Fuselier**

ADJOURN MEETING

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. Message from Mayor Orman

- Mayor Orman invites committee members to State of the City

2. Welcome Mark Lankford

- Mark introduces himself to committee

OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of Vice-Chair

- Mark volunteers to be Vice-Chair
- Jessie motions, Nathan seconds nomination

2. First Friday/Public Education

- Booth reserved for April First Friday
- Discussion on ideas for booth
- Ralph discusses tree planting and care presentation in collaboration with Peel Compton
- Christopher discusses tree giveaway map
- Ashley discusses info sheet detailing what trees are best for which yards and presenting at First Friday booth
- Gulizar and Ashley are able to volunteer at booth
- Discussion on student volunteers

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree and Landscape Manual Update

- Christopher shares updates on tree and landscape manual work

2. 150 Trees update

- Christopher shares update on seeking out locations for the 150 trees for the 150th anniversary
- Discussion on location options and tree types
- Ashley shares idea for creating a community space of trees. Possibly out of native trees
- Ralph discusses work he is doing to get speakers setup for education

3. First Day of Spring/Landscaping Awards

- Christopher requests committee shares any nominations for landscaping award

4. Pollinator Gardens/Monarch Butterflies

- Christopher mentions idea for pollinator gardens and seed bomb events
- Discussion on types of events and locations for seed bombs

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