

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 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=clgwVWsxTWNMWws3bVZkeDR4ekZTd09>

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- No comments for changes
- Motion by Nathan. Second by Jessie for approval
- Holly requests that we keep track of attendance record to ensure all members are engaged through our meetings
- Attendees: Nathan, Jessie, Holly, Ralph, Emily, and Christopher

OLD BUSINESS

1. Landscape Awards

- Americo Torres, winner of the residential award attended the City Council meeting. A member of Bentonville Brewing Company did not attend. Signs will be posted on each property.

2. Pedaling for Pollinators

- Due to timing of planning the event, Laurie Scott cancelled Pedaling for Pollinators. More details to come in the future on a new event. Discussions were made to have the City of Bentonville/Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee play a part in the planning process

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fall Tree/Shrub List

- Christopher shares the tree list for the Fall tree giveaway that is to take place on October 21st

2. 150th Anniversary Trees

- Christopher discusses plan for 150th anniversary tree giveaway. Locations ran into complications due to

maintenance. Proposed a lottery system to give away 150 Paw Paw trees

- Committee discusses giveaway as well as other options
- Jessie proposes setting aside 15 trees for the City to plant in commemoration of the anniversary
- Nathan discusses location for pickup of lottery and if there is a better option for residents to pickup the anniversary trees than the compost facility.

3. June Landscape of the Month Nominations

- Christopher discusses June nominations and will distribute after the meeting to gather votes
- Ralph proposes providing a seed packet from a selection for our landscape month winners. Specifically native seeds to promote native planting around the city. Cost estimates are about \$3.00 per packet. Leftover packets could be given to Emily and Geoff to plant around the city
- Ralph also proposes making an annual donation to the library for books on native plantings. Both for adults and children
- Jessie discusses 2021 bond project and the impact on residents with tree removal with no opportunity for replacement. Christopher discusses the Great Neighborhoods program as a starting point while longer term options are created
- Ralph asks about timeline of seeing the Tree and Landscape Preservation Manual
- Nathan gives feedback on Fireflies AI meeting minutes and possibility of using summaries to quickly recap the meetings
- Ralph is interested in contributing to a tree care workshop with Peel Compton Foundation via books or some other means

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