

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 17, 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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AGENDA

OPEN MEETING - Meeting is being recorded.

1. *Meeting Summary Approval – July 20, 2023

OLD BUSINESS

1. July Landscape Awards
2. Seed Order
3. Peel Book Donation
4. Bond Projects/Tree Planting updates

NEW BUSINESS

1. Book Donation to Library
2. August Landscape of the Month

ADJOURN MEETING

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- **In Attendance:** Ralph, Gulizar, Nathan, Holly, Ashley, Jessie, Mark L, and Christopher
- **Motion by Nathan. Second by Gulizar. Minutes approved**

OLD BUSINESS

1. June Landscape Awards

- **Christopher announces June award winners. Signs are posted for both the commercial and residential**

2. 150th Anniversary Trees

- **Christopher details plan for lottery system for 150 paw paw trees to be distributed by the public. Included with the trees would be a commemorative yard stake representing the significance of the paw paw**
- **Ralph points out proper naming convention for tree signage and Christopher will ensure that proper naming conventions are printed**
- **The GIS team has developed an app to allow the public to see where these trees, as well as, past trees were placed**
- **Nathan mentions the promotional piece long term and how we could engage with the public on how the trees are doing and the natural effects of having them in their yards**
- **Ashley mentions allowing businesses to be included in the lottery as well for the community at large to enjoy the paw paw tree. Nathan mentions working with**

businesses to establish paw paw patches. Gulizar mentions schools

- Vote for tree markers. All in favor
- Christopher will check in on commercial involvement for paw paw patches
- Jessie brings up bond projects and lack of tree plantings as part of the project. Committee discusses loss of canopy due to street projects and need for replacement. Planning staff is looking at all options from inserting themselves earlier in the design process to large tree planting projects

NEW BUSINESS

1. July Landscape Awards

- Christopher shares the nominees for the July Landscape awards
- Ralph discusses tree care booklet for Peel Compton event. All in favor of ordering booklets
- Ralph discusses ordering seeds for landscape award winners. Winners would be able to choose from a variety of native seed packets to plant, encouraging/promoting native plantings around the city
- Christopher discusses the new seed library located within the Bentonville public library
- Ralph shares photos of damaged trees and committee discusses ways to address replacement

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