

Tree and Landscape Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

September 17, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers, 305 SW A Street

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85428847432>

AGENDA

Members

1 Reagan Roth
2 Gulizar Baggs
3 Helen Lampkin
4 Nathan Lembke
5 Ralph Weber, Chairperson
6 Jeannie McIntire
7 Mark Lankford

Ex Officio

Holly Hook, City Council

Staff

Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Audrey Mitchell, Planner
Baylea Birchfield, Planner II
Tyler Cheek, Horticulturist
Haley Deatherage, Horticulturist
Courtney Fitzgerald, Senior Circulation Librarian
Stephanie Orman, Mayor

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2026 *

OLD BUSINESS

3. Plant Tower Update
4. Seed Packets Update

NEW BUSINESS

5. Budgeting Brainstorm
6. Streetscape Restoration Strategy
7. Landscape Nominations

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Parks Updates
9. Planning Updates
10. Other

ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

Members	Attendance	Staff	Attendance
1 Reagan Roth	In person	Shelli Kerr, Comprehensive Planning Manager	In person
2 Gulizar Baggson	In person	Audrey Mitchell, Planner	In person
3 Helen Lampkin	Absent	Baylea Birchfield, Planner II	Absent
4 Nathan Lembke	In person	Tyler Cheek, Horticulturist	Absent
5 Ralph Weber, Chairperson	In person	Haley Deatherage, Horticulturist	Absent
6 Jeannie McIntire	In person		
7 Mark Lankford	In person		
Holly Hook, Ex-officio	Online		

1. Call to Order-

Ralph began the meeting at 10:01 am

2. Approval of Minutes - July 16, 2026 *

Nathan motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Reagan seconded. All in favor, motion carried 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

3. Native and Pollinator Landscape Ordinance Update

- Shelli presented drafted ordinance/amendment to City Council on 7/11. Council was split and could not come to consensus. Ordinance/amendment tabled for now.*
- Jeannie inquired how landscapes in transition can be protected without an ordinance in place and proposes educational approaches to spread awareness of benefits of native/pollinator landscapes. Nathan mentioned educating property owners on ways to have native/pollinator landscapes that are in compliance with the current code.*
- Shelli recommends board members present benefits to City Council sometime early next year.*

4. Fall Tree Giveaway Update

- Will be held morning of October 10 in the Municipal Complex parking lot.*
- Most cost-efficient quote came from Forrest Keeling. Moving forward and submitted order.*
- Gulizar asks for more diversity in tree sizes in future giveaways.*

5. Tulips for Orchards Park Update

- *TALAB funds are going towards purchase -- prices have risen a bit.*
- *Nathan says TALAB used to pull out and giveaway old tulip bulbs in the spring and inquires if it's a possibility in the future. Reagan suggests using leftover TALAB funds to assist with this if needed.*

NEW BUSINESS

6. Seed Packets

- *Ralph reminded the board that they usually buy seed packets for the library around this time of year. It does not cost much and has been popular in past years.*
- *Shelli suggested that library staff join next meeting to discuss further.*

7. Fall Tree Giveaway Backup Plan

- *Backup plan in case of inclement weather (lightning). Shelli shared that City staff receive weekly weather reports from the Fire Department and will keep a close eye in the days leading up to the giveaway.*
- *Gulizar proposed hosting backup giveaway the following day; Sunday, October 11, from 3-5 p.m.*

8. Landscape Nominations

- *2 commercial and 3 residential nominations.*
- *Ralph suggested advertising online container gardening for commercial properties. He also proposed that the Commercial Landscape Award sign be larger. Others agreed.*
- *Jeannie and Gulizar motioned to award Archie's Sandwichery at 280 N Walton Blvd the Commercial Landscape Award. Motion passed 5-1.*
- *107 Somerset Street unanimously awarded the Residential Landscape Award. 6-0.*

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Parks Updates

- *No Parks staff present.*

7. Planning Updates

- *Shelli said that City staff are looking at grant/funding opportunities for tree planting projects identified in the Tree Canopy Assessment.*

8. Other

- *Jeannie shared info about a master gardener walking tour and offered board to join. Others are interested and a date will be coordinated.*

ADJOURNMENT

Gulizar motioned to adjourn. Mark seconded.

All in favor, motion carried 6-0.

Meeting ended at 11:12 a.m.

LETTUCE GROW

Lettuce Grow by TFP LLC
13157 Mindanao Way #2238
Marina del Rey, CA 90292



Education Quote

Created: 08/31/2026
Expires: 10/01/2026

To: Courtney Fitzgerald
Email: Courtney.fitzgerald@bentonville.ar.gov

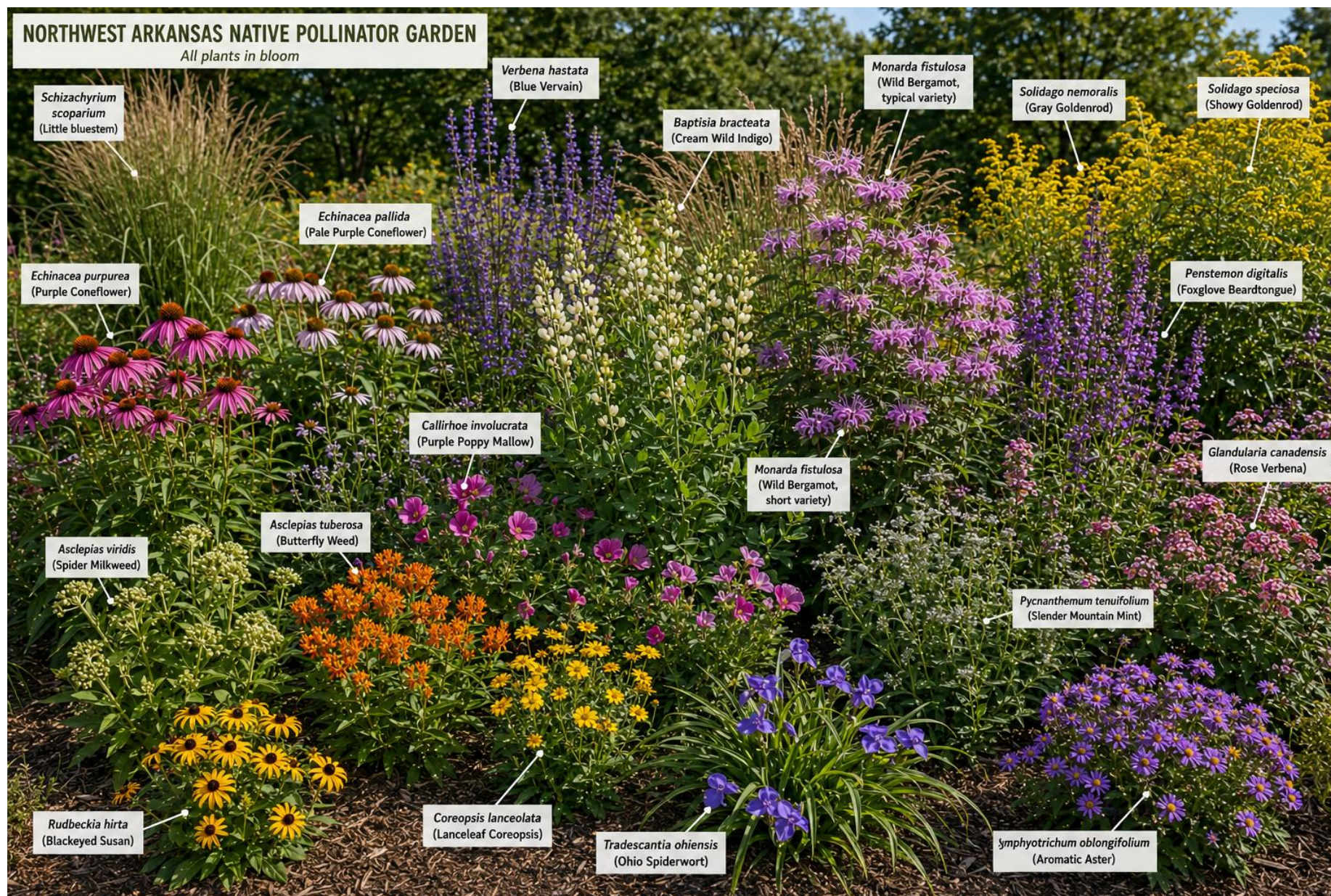
Quantity	Description	Unit price	Total price
2	Refurbished Farmstand Nook Bundle (includes 20-starter seedlings)	\$549.00	\$1,098.00
2	Annual Grow Pack Bundle (3-seasons of 20 plants)	\$150.00	\$300.00
		Subtotal	\$1,398.00
		Shipping	Free
		Tax (72712)	\$94.06
		Total:	\$1,492.06

Agenda item 4 – Seed Packets Update

Proposed list (native to NWA, beginner friendly, different bloom periods, different flower colors, different ecological purposes):

- Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly Weed): \$3.00
- Asclepias viridis (Spider Milkweed): \$3.00
- Baptisia bracteata (Cream Wild Indigo): \$3.00
- Callirhoe involucrata (Purple Poppy Mallow): \$3.00
- Coreopsis lanceolata (Lanceleaf Coreopsis): \$3.00
- Echinacea pallida (Pale Purple Coneflower): \$3.00
- Echinacea purpurea (Purple Coneflower): \$3.00
- Glandularia canadensis (Rose Verbena): \$3.00
- Monarda fistulosa (Wild Bergamot, typical variety): \$3.00
- Monarda fistulosa (Wild Bergamot, short variety): \$3.00
- Penstemon digitalis (Foxglove beardtongue): \$3.00
- Pycnanthemum tenuifolium (Slender Mountain Mint): \$3.00
- Rudbeckia hirta (Blackeyed Susan): \$3.00
- Schizachyrium scoparium (Little bluestem): \$3.00
- Solidago nemoralis (Gray Goldenrod): \$3.00
- Solidago speciosa (Showy Goldenrod): \$3.00
- Symphyotrichum oblongifolium (Aromatic Aster): \$3.00
- Tradescantia ohimensis (Ohio Spiderwort): \$3.00
- Verbena hastata (Blue Vervain): \$3.00

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Core Street Tree Statement

Opportunity

Historically, Northwest A Street has been characterized by Redbud trees, creating a recognizable and attractive streetscape. Over the years, many of these trees have died, been damaged, or been removed. As a result, the corridor has gradually lost some of the visual identity the Redbuds once provided.

Concept

Could the Tree & Landscape Board work with the City to intentionally restore this streetscape?

Potential approach:

- Identify gaps along Northwest A Street where Redbuds have been lost or where additional trees could strengthen the corridor.
- Determine appropriate planting locations within the public right-of-way.
- Offer replacement Redbuds to adjacent property owners at little or no cost, with their cooperation and approval.
- Explore having the City plant and maintain the trees during an initial establishment period to improve survival rates and create a more consistent appearance.
- Develop a long-term replacement plan so the Redbud-lined character of A Street can be maintained as trees age or are lost.

Broader Opportunity: Signature Tree Corridors

If we believe there is value in creating a stronger species statement along Northwest A Street, should we identify other key Bentonville streets or corridors where a particular tree species, or complementary group of species, could create a recognizable visual identity?

Rather than approaching street-tree planting only as individual replacements, we could consider certain corridors as part of a broader streetscape strategy. This could:

- Strengthen the visual identity of important streets and gateways.
- Create seasonal interest through coordinated flowering, fall color, or canopy.
- Provide a more intentional and cohesive appearance as Bentonville continues to grow.
- Allow us to select species appropriate for each corridor's available space, utilities, traffic visibility, and long-term maintenance needs.

Questions for the Board

1. Should we explore restoring the Redbud statement along Northwest A Street?
2. What role could the City play in providing, planting, and establishing replacement trees?
3. Are there other key streets, gateways, or corridors where we would like to create an intentional tree-species statement?
4. Would it be worthwhile to develop a short list of "signature corridors" and recommended species as part of the City's longer-term urban forestry strategy?

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Agenda item 6 -- Streetscape Restoration Strategy

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