



**Meeting Summary:
Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date & Time: August 15, 2019 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Community Development Building, 305 SW A Street,
Bentonville, AR 72712; PC/CC Chambers

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.

Committee Members Present: Scott Eccleston, Nathan Lembke, David Short, Chris Sooter, Ralph Weber

Others Present: Danielle Semsrott, Senior Planner, Emily Krol and Dana Torczon, Horticulturalists

New Business

1. Tree Blitz

- Friday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Mulching

North Bentonville Trail - 20 volunteers

Meet at the parking lot north of the dog park

Mulching

Old Tiger Stadium - 10 volunteers

Meet in the parking lot south of the track

Mulching

Merchants Park - 10 Volunteers

Meet in the parking lot

Tree Trimming

Osage Creek Elementary school - 10 volunteers

Once done with Osage Creek, if there is still time, going to work on C street south of hwy 102

Discussed that we need to replace the trees that have died – SE C Street, Walton, need to drive around to locate the others

2. Fall Tree Giveaway

- Saturday, October 12th at the DAC from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- 100, 3 gallon Willow Oak - 2 per household
- 100, 3 gallon Shumard Oak - 2 per household
- 100, 3 gallon Southern Red Oak - 2 per household
- 50, 3 gallon Bald Cypress - 2 per household
- 30, 7 gallon Burgundy Hearts Redbud - 1 per household
- 7, 7 gallon Cotton Candy Redbud - 1 per household
- 14, 7 gallon Oklahoma Whitebud - 1 per household
- If Trails for Life Group can volunteer, fundraising is prohibited
- On SignUpGenius, next to the tree name, add notes such as, best in wet areas, etc.

3. Grow with Trees Award

- Brick Avenue Lofts – not ready yet, will follow up in mid-September
- Other Nominations
 - ✓ Blake Street House
 - ✓ Red Barn (Matt O'Reilly) - September winner, Danielle will contact and ask when they will be done and work on setting up a tour for the next meeting
 - ✓ Thaden when complete - spring 2019, ask Cody for a tour when complete

4. Landscaping of the Month Awards

- Residential and commercial
- May – October
- 501 NW A Street – presented at August 13th City Council meeting
- 302 SE 2nd Street – September 24th City Council meeting
- Other nominations:
 - ✓ 412 SE D Street
 - ✓ 209 SE 3rd Street
 - ✓ Check out the SW side of town for a potential nomination
- Danielle will promote within the Great Neighborhoods program
- Danielle will ask newspaper reporter that covers the city to run a photo in the paper
- David Short will ask Garden City about donating a \$50 gift card for award winners to help incentivize the program

5. Current Projects

- Roundabout at NE J Street and Museum Way/NE John DeShields Blvd – T & L Committee fund native plants (approximately \$12,000) and soil (approximately \$3,000); Crystal Bridges will irrigate, light, plant and

maintain – will present drawing to T & L Committee first, base planting in the fall, 90 day project due to be complete by October 21st

- Large round, raised planters – place on west, south and east corners of square, examples below (Emily Krol), contingent on project budget approval, if approved, we will purchase this year – to be stored at Parks Maintenance facility
 - Scott made a motion and David second in support and all in favor of using \$15,000 in T & L Committee funds to purchase planters
- Heritage Tree Program – committee would like to focus on this, review past examples from Cody with Crystal Bridges

Old Business

1. By-laws – terms limits

- Scott – 11/14/20
- Nathan – 7/25/20
- David – 5/23/20
- Chris – 12/31/21
- Ralph – 12/31/21
- No term limits

2. Project Ideas

- North Walton Boulevard Corridor Enhancement Plan – no update at this time
- Greenspace coming into Bentonville at new interchange at SE Walton & I-49 – potential tree planting opportunity
- Synthetic turf at the square
- Quilt of Parks – Danielle will ask David Wright if we can have a roll in the Quilt of Parks (Design Excellence Award, take downtown parks and connect them), the committee could be a gap filler if needed in terms of landscaping
- City Wide Arboretum – where could an arboretum live in Bentonville? Examples are Portland and Austin, we will need to think about planting diversity (we could be a diversifying agent), be more intentional with a Master Plan. Perhaps Razorback greenway, Lake Bella Vista, ecopark at Lake Bentonville... could tie into so many things. Danielle will call Jeremy Pate with the WWF about if this could be a design excellence opportunity. Spend money to develop a master plan, also contact Alison Jumper with Runway Group.

Other Business

- Grow with Trees display at Community Center – wrap on utility box has been removed

- Mentioned at July meeting that the TPB trees at LJHS need to be straightened – Danielle checked with Bentonville Parks Conservancy and 20 of them were straightened last spring with t-posts and wire; after the meeting, it was determined that more need to be straightened
- Neighborhood Market on Central – volcano mulching, Danielle will ask Code Enforcement to send a letter asking them to properly install mulch

Next Meeting

- September 19, 2019 at 10:00 am, Community Development Building, PC/CC Chambers