

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 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:

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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

Ex-Officio City Council

Holly Hook, 12/31/27

Staff

Geoff Braga, Urban Forester
Emily Krol, Horticulturalist
Christopher Hyatt, Planner

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING - Meeting is being recorded.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Message from Mayor Orman**
2. **Welcome Mark Lankford**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Election of Vice-Chair**
2. **First Friday/Public Education**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Tree and Landscape Manual Update**
2. **150 Trees update**
3. **First Day of Spring/Landscaping Awards**
4. **Pollinator Gardens/Monarch Butterflies**

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- Ralph requests adjustments to minutes
- Motion by Ralph. Second by Ashley. Minutes approved

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2. Election of Vice-Chair

- Committee agrees to discuss during next meeting

3. Brainstorming Public Education

- Ralph discussed with library about history of trees and they are currently looking for speakers.
- Nathan suggests events calendar to promote schedule for giveaways
- Nathan suggests scavenger hunt for large trees in the area. Possibly announcing via social channels or by Mayor?

4. Bentonville's 150th Anniversary

- Ralph inquires about 150 trees and locations
- Nathan challenges group to think creatively about types of trees and placement
- Christopher shares location ideas up to this point

- Holly suggests land city is acquiring along I-49. Also Ward 3 in general as it has been hard with development
- Nathan suggests public education post planting. Possibly at Orchard Park
- Ralph discusses tree protection measures for the 150 trees. Discussion on maintenance ensues
- Nathan asks if we can name trees to honor someone at Orchard Park. Ashley likes the idea of a plaque or plaques for this
- Ashley suggests 15 trees, one for each decade of the City's history setup for display
- Christopher inquires about how many trees to allow per spring giveaway reservation. Nathan suggests two per reservation and group agrees after discussion
- Ralph suggests setting aside more trees for non-reservations this giveaway
- Ashley spoke with her church and youth group would be willing to assist during giveaway

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