

Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR

Zoom Meeting

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://bentonville.zoom.us/j/98120081622>

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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.

AGENDA

Members

Scott Eccleston, 11/14/20

Nathan Lembke, 7/25/20

David Short, 5/23/23

Jon Terlouw, 12/31/21

Ralph Weber, 12/31/21

Staff

Danielle Semsrott, Senior
Planner

Geoff Braga, Urban
Forester

Emily Krol,
Horticulturalist

OLD BUSINESS

1. Roundabout Landscaping at NE J Street & Museum Way – No Update

- In 2019, T & L Committee approved funding for native plants (\$12,000) and soil (\$3,000), although project will come in under budget
- Crystal Bridges will irrigate, light, plant and maintain
- Currently underway

2. Roundabout Landscaping at SW Bright Road & SW Gator Blvd

- Open Heart sculpture being installed sometime next week
- Potential partnership with Public Art Advisory Committee
- 5 x 5-foot open heart sculpture created from aluminum diamond plate. Permanent piece.
- Received approval from artist that he is ok with us designing landscaping
- Fund design and purchase of landscaping – contract out (motion and a 2nd)

- No landscaping without irrigation unless a careful selection of plants that can tolerate a dry landscape are agreed upon
- For maintenance, perhaps partner with Bright Field Middle, Fulbright Junior High School, Willowbrook Elementary School or a trail group

3. Landscaping of Public Art Advisory Committee Art Installations – No Update

- Could be a great partnership between two city committees
- Hurdle concerning new decorative landscaping due to limited maintenance staff
- Perhaps Adopt-a-Spot landscaping?
- How can we sell this as community enhancement?
- Committee perhaps provide design and/or plant material recommendations

4. Ordinance Discussion – No Update

- Continue discussion on allowing decorative landscape rock before draft language is developed
- Earth tone, chocolate, etc.
- Reasoning is that there's a desire to use it, standard staple in design. Although the 80/20 rule Sec. 1400.04(g) is difficult to enforce. Need to be realistic in how we measure it; implementable.
- Applies to commercial development and anything over two-family, including townhomes and multi-family Current language – Sec. 1400.04(g) Groundcover materials. Groundcover should be planted to minimize the impact of expansive areas without plant coverage. (1) Living material. Living materials, such as lawn grass or herbaceous groundcovers like juniper or liriopse, etc., shall cover a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of the landscaped street frontage buffer. Herbaceous groundcover shall be planted and maintained in a mulched bed. One hundred percent (100%) of living materials is strongly encouraged.

5. Grow with Trees Award – No update

- Brick Avenue Lofts, Tuesday, May 19th, late afternoon event leading into happy hour, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mayor present award certificate at 4:00 p.m. – postponed until late summer/early fall, date TBD
- Thaden School when complete
- Osage Park when complete, saved mature Washington Hawthorne trees – Danielle will get details
- Crystal Flats when complete, went above and beyond

landscaping requirements

- Carroll Electric when complete – need to discuss (could also be Landscaping of the Month Award nominee)

6. Gloomy Scale – No Update

- Armored insect that feeds on soft maples such as red and silver, and other trees; attaches to the bark of a tree's trunk and branches
- With infestation, branch dieback and eventual death will occur
- Identified on trees here
- After discussion, potential recommendation from Committee to temporarily stop allowing new red maples to be planted or given away at tree giveaway

NEW BUSINESS

1. Residential & Commercial Landscaping of the Month Award

- May – October
- **Residential Nominations:**
8 Ledgerwood – refer to nomination form
707 W Central Ave
709 W Central Ave
306 NW C Street
304 SW 3rd Street
209 SE 3rd Street
412 SE D Street (west side of D Street, immediately north of trail, just south of SE 5th Street)
510 SE D Street
SW Pine Avenue – 1805 to 1901
2010 SW Spruce Road
711 W Central Ave – July winner
302 SE 2nd Street – June winner
- **Commercial Nominations:**
Carroll Electric when complete – need to discuss (could also be Grow with Trees Award nominee)
Blake Street House
- Deadline for July winner recommendation to Danielle by Monday, July 27th for August 13th meeting

2. Fall Tree Giveaway

- DAC
- October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Drive-thru
- Tree species – review Greenleaf inventory with Geoff when fall tree list comes out on August 3rd

- Natives when possible

OTHER BUSINESS

- Next Committee meeting via Zoom Thursday, August 20th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.