

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 2022 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Toni Baker called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. on Monday, November 21st, 2022.

2. Roll Call:

1. Toni Baker – Chair – present
2. Amy Lentz – Vice Chair – present
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
4. Joe Nesvara – attend via Zoom
5. Lynn Larsen – present
6. Vacancy –
7. Hannah Daniels – absent

Quorum 5/7 in attendance

- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
- Paul Furnas – Town Forester – present
- Stephanie Horvath – Town Community Outreach Specialist - present

3. Approval of Minutes from October 2022 Meeting:

- Randy read through the edited minutes with paper copies distributed to attendees.
- Motion for approval as amended by Lynn; seconded by Amy. Approved as amended.

4. Public Comment – Non agenda items:

- a. Stephanie Horvath was introduced as the town website and communication person.
- b. Linda Wilson – 1469 Murrel St. (Heron Pointe)
 - 1) Voiced prior understanding of the reason for the contact list. Shouldn't it be distributed and used for the distribution of information?
 - 2) Agreed that there should be an agenda item added to discuss at future meetings.
 - 3) Lynn clarified that the neighborhood contact table is still being worked; now 4 separate tables. (1-shared contacts. 2-Metro or HOA. 3-HOA info. 4-neighborhoods requiring action.)
 - 4) Amy suggested using Chamber of Commerce to contact businesses in industrial areas with trees.
- c. Kathy Mitchell – (address not given)
 - 1) She applied for a board position several months ago but has not heard back.
 - 2) Interviews to be held Monday, Dec 12 at 6pm. Paul to check to see if she is on the schedule.
- d. Tree die-off in neighborhoods?
 - 1) Paul looking into reasons why before addressing. Postpone discussion and possible action to next meeting.
 - 2) Town is trying to get out for more inspections. Baseline subcontracted to assist with this.
- e. Sean commented that the Board of Trustees had a special meeting to address the possible ordinance to require that citizens replace their own street trees when dead, removed or missing.
 - 1) Lengthy discussion ensued on the pros and cons of this approach.
 - 2) Consensus was “carrot better than stick” approach to enforcement.
- f. Berthoud T.A.C. History Presentation
 - 1) Toni gave a presentation on Tree City USA Standard #4 – Arbor Day Observation

5. Discussion Items:

- a. December meeting adjustment
 - 1) Cannot move meeting to December 12. It would conflict with the interviews.
 - 2) Agreed to keep the December meeting on the 19th but move the time to 6:00 pm.
 - a) Amy moved to make this change. Randy seconded the motion. Approved.
- b. Update on Tree Sale.
 - 1) Paul attempted to get this organized for spring of 2023. Trees Across Colorado has already filled up their order capacity for next year.
 - 2) The team will put on agenda for next year to get an earlier start on 2024.
 - 3) Amy suggested we raffle off more trees on Arbor Day 2023 and schedule the tree pickup after the event. Would be a way to get people aware and interested in the program for 2024.
- c. Light Parade Update
 - 1) Event is scheduled for the night of Saturday, November 26th.
 - 2) Paul is not available that night and no truck would be available from the city to pull the float.
 - 3) Action was suggested to put on agenda next year in August to start the discussion early.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul update:
 - 1) Forestry Department has finished tree planting for the year; managed to get in 100th tree in along the Nelson greenway.
 - 2) Forestry Department attended the 2-day seminar in Denver of the Rocky Mtn Chapter
 - 3) Tree wrapping; the staff hopes to finish wrapping this week.
 - 4) Staff was busy hanging holiday lights down Main Street.
 - 5) Large cottonwood tree came down on Third Street that required removal.
 - 6) Staff assisted with the setting of the Fickel Park bathroom with crane to help minimize damage done to surrounding trees. Also had boom lift to install holiday lights on park trees.
 - 7) Staff has worked to update the CO-TreeView website. Discussed how committee might be able to help provide information to assist in this effort.
 - 8) Cemetery trees are being scheduled for removal. 2-Ash and 2-Elms that are diseased. Close to headstones and difficult to access with stump grinder so it may have to be left in place.
- b. Sean update:
 - 1) Budget has been proposed. Will be voted on at December 13th for final passage.
 - 2) Proposed that the TAC receive \$1,500/year.

7. Adjourn:

- Toni Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:41 P.M. on the 21st day of November 2022.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 19th, 2022, at 6:00pm (note time change).**

Signature: