

**MINUTES
TREE BOARD
December 19, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

Dan Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm on December 19, 2019 in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present: Dan Bullock, Co-Chairperson
 Lisa Paige, Member
 JoAnn Teeple, Member
 Sarah Kemme, Member
 Kim Bock, Member

Town Staff Present: Mike Callas, Town Liaison
 Marty Silverstein, Board of Trustees Representative
 Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk

Guests & Observers: None Present

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Kim ***moved*** to approve the September 2019 Tree Board minutes. Sarah ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no persons present, not on the agenda, to address the Board.

MAIN STREET TREES—PLANNING FOR PUBLIC MEETING

Dan opened the discussion by pointing out that many of the existing trees along Main Street are not thriving, and the locations of the trees increase their susceptibility to vehicular damage. In order to move forward with a plan to replace the trees—and possibly reconfigure their locations along Main Street—a public meeting is needed to gather information from downtown users. Dan referred back to the tasks assigned in September. To flesh out concepts, Kim indicated that public discussion is needed to understand what downtown users would like to see. Dan suggested that one possibility would be to move the locations of trees to the bulb-outs where they are more protected. Joanne added that the bulb-outs would also provide enough room that the trees could be placed in elevated planters. Kim followed up that fewer trees might be better.

Dan gave Lisa and Sarah some leads for possible grants that could help fund upcoming projects. He suggested that they touch base with Nick Miscione--the Historic Preservation Commission Chair—because there might be some collaborative projects that could get some funding. He also suggested checking with the Colorado Tree Coalition and the Arts community for possible help with design. Mike pointed out that there may be a new Excel Foundation Grant that could be explored for funding. Dan asked Lisa and Sarah to bring ideas for grants to the January meeting.

Dan set a goal to have the public meeting as part of the April Tree Board meeting. To that end, he and Joanne will contact various groups and residents/businesses along Main Street to promote attendance.

REVIEW OF 2019 TREES PROJECTS

Mike has completed to 26th annual Tree City application for 2020. The Carbondale Arbor Day celebration is planned for the first weekend in May. In 2019, Mike planted 13 trees, pruned 150, and removed 9. Dan asked if there were any trees of note, to which Mike replied that none of the

London Plane Trees did well. Mike thought it might have had more to do with that particular shipment of trees, rather than the failure of this type of tree to thrive in Carbondale. The trees along Third Street was a failed project because the irrigation system never came online. However, he did point out that the Ghingko and Hackberry did well despite the lack of water.

Dan asked if there were any suggestions for an Arbor Day project. Mike replied that there may be a really good opportunity at the new pickleball courts at North Face Park. He went on to say that although three Autumn Blaze Maples had to be removed in order to make way for the new courts, there is an opportunity to plant 12 new trees bordering the courts on the back side and into the turf. Mike did point out that the other trees at North Face Park bordering Roaring Fork High School were in poor condition—again, due to lack of water. Joanne asked if there was a possibility that the irrigation systems could be separated out so that the trees don't get neglected. Dan suggested Mike check on any Colorado Tree Coalition funding opportunities for the project.

DISCUSSION OF TREE ARTICLES FOR THE SOPRIS SUN

Dan brought up the fact that the Sopris Sun ran an article on Michael a few weeks ago, and that he would like to build on that information by setting up a regular schedule of tree articles to submit to the newspaper. The articles need to be between 750 and 1,000 words. Kim suggested that each Board member write one article. Dan assigned each board member to bring at least one idea for an article to the February Tree Board meeting. Joanne suggested a collaborative project with Carbondale Arts might be to design a "weed tree of the month" card for distribution at various places along the Rio Grande Artway.

HOUSEKEEPING

Dan brought up an incident at the Board of Adjustment in which a building permit had been denied. His concern was that the format for denying the permit had eliminated all of the items on landscaping. He went on to say that while the Planning Department is doing a good job in reviewing landscaping requirements, the Planning and Zoning Commission is not recognizing the importance of these same requirements. Dan would like to get on a P & Z agenda in order to emphasize the importance of the landscaping as part of the overall site plan, and that a landscape plan signed by a Landscape Architect should be required as part of the submittals.

ADJOURNMENT

The December 19, 2019, regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on January 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kae McDonald