

ARBORETUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7-9 pm, Town Hall

Attending: committee members -- Sean Conlan, Jane Davenport McClintock, Malcolm Russell-Einhorn, Charlie Kaylor, Charlie Andrews, Elizabeth Glidden; Council Liaison -- Gerilee Bennett; Town Arborist – Phil Normandy; Resident Chris Keller

Executive Summary: Rather than carry over multiple project discussions meeting to meeting, we agreed to focus meetings on one or two topics. We’re also trying to reduce meeting length and only meet when necessary (based on informal polling). The main topic of this meeting was educational outreach. Our best partners in maintaining and appreciating the arboretum are our neighbors. We will be submitting Bugle articles with recommendations for private property (recommended trees, invasive removal, etc...) and news about town plantings and tree work. Lizzie gave a brief update on the Waverly streetscape.

Topic	Action Item
January-March 2023 minute approval	Unanimous
No resident issues	
Arborist report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bartlett started pruning on the north side of town Monday. Elevations and dead wood. This isn’t quite all the pruning but there’s no more money in the FY2023 budget. Also, three small removals with overhead lines are being done by Bartlett. • Barbara has advanced the MOU for Strathmore • Spring planting went well, with a total of 26 trees going in. • The Washington Gas work on Keswick was completed and they tried to avoid damaging trees. For instance, the ran the pipe around coffee tree on John Mulligan’s lot • Tedd Pratt’s tree (an American Elm) was planted near the Marc train parking lot. 	Sean will update Elizabeth on Ted Pratt’s tree
Our main topic this meeting is educational outreach using articles in the Garrett Bugle. We will start with a set of three articles before the Summer break: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April – New plantings – Phil • May – Vines and vine removal – Jane • June – TBD – Sean Additional topics will be covered after the summer break.	Sean will check with Stephen Welker about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly deadline • Bugle word count
Lizzie gave an update on the Waverly streetscape project after meeting with Barbara Matthews:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline is: “project details could be finalized by fall 2023. Doing so would allow the project to be bid in the January/February 2024 timeframe, with a spring 2024 construction schedule” • To be discussed at the June town council meeting. • Lizzie is interested in knowing how the 5’ sidewalk will interact with the trees and sloped terrain; curved vs straight. Need for curbs? She is going to request an on-site meeting to look at the sidewalk path. • Expanded plans like seating are not in the current budget. 	
<p>Next Meeting June 21, skipping May</p>	<p>Sean to send out minutes, double check Town Hall reservation and cancel the May reservation</p>

Abbrev.

CAP=Comprehensive Arboretum Plan

POSCO=Parks and Open Spaces Committee

GPCAN=Garrett Park Climate Action Network

SHA=State Highway Administration

MOU=Memorandum of Understanding

SOW=Statement of Work

LUAC=Land Use Advisory Committee