



# CITY OF ELY

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## CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**March 24, 2022 8:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada**

1. Chairman Wolf called the regular meeting of the City Tree Board to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked for Roll Call. Vice-Chairman Trask led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

- Chairman Bill Wolf
- Vice Chairman Gene Trask
- Member Harry Rhea (joined at 8:06 a.m.)
- Member Candice Campeau

**Members Absent:**

- Member Irene Chachas

**City Officials and staff present:**

- City Clerk Jennifer Lee
- City Treasurer/HR Director Janette Trask
- Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb
- Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
- City Attorney Leo Cahoon

Also, in attendace: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall sined in (Appears below) and the following persons attended via video conference: Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester (UCF) with the Nevada of Division of Forestry, and Lisa Ortega, ISA Master Arborist of Nevada Plants.

### **TREE BOARD ATTENDANCE LIST**

**DATE: March 24, 2022**

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## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **3. REPORTS**

### **➤ CITY TREASURER/HR DIRECTOR**

City Treasurer/HR Director Trask stated I can report that we budgeted \$1,000.00 for you guys to use before June 30, 2022. If you buy something physically it has to be here by the end of June.

### **➤ PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR**

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated Jack Caylor Park will be underway that was funded by the SNPLMA grant and there will be a lot of trees and bushes going in there. We will have to coordinate with the Engineer regarding discussion and suggestions on those.

Chairman Wolf asked do you have a list of what they are going to put in?

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated I have the book you can look at and we can also deal with JCR as they are the ones that got the bid to do the park. Cody Howick with Civil Science Engineering out of Cedar City will be overseeing the project.

Chairman Wolf stated we try to keep in contact with who is doing the designing and planting of trees and shrubs so if we see they are putting something in that is not right we can make a comment.

## **4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE TREE BOARD.**

### **A. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the City Tree Board through December 31, 2022.

Member Campeau moved to elect Bill Wolf as Chairperson of the City Tree Board through December 31, 2022. Vice Chairman Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wolf moved to elect Candice Campeau as Vice Chairperson of the City Tree Board through December 31, 2022. Vice Chairperson Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairman Wolf – Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester (UCF) with the Nevada Division of Forestry – Discussion Only – Presentation on the i-Tree Database with regards to the City of Ely’s public tree inventory.

Chairman Wolf stated in 2014 we got money from the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to do the i-Tree survey of the community trees; it includes trees on public ground and not anything on private ground. We got there and at the time it just laid there because NDF couldn’t produce the documents from the data. I have pulled that back to the forefront because Cayenne has said they can do it now.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated I started part way through last year and still feel like I am getting my feet wet, and I look forward to getting to know all of you as I am learning the ropes. Bill contacted me regarding the inventory availability and your needs from it. We can support that in a variety of ways. My understanding is that Harry did the data collection in 2014, is that correct?

Member Rhea stated I did the field work, and I am familiar with how to deal with the GPS data. There is a CAD program to take care of that and I don’t know what the holdup has been. We did get a summary at one point, but never got usable maps.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated we can change that. NDF has a strong interest in supporting communities for collecting, maintaining, and updating their tree inventory. You can’t take care of what you don’t know is there. We really want to support you as much as possible to be able to use the data on what trees you have, know what condition they are in, and where they are located for planning, updating, and tree care management. We have a couple of ways we can do that. One is going back to the 2014 data. Bill gave me some data sets and looking at those there is some missing data, but our data manager was able to find the original data set that are quite complete. We can merge those files into one place, and we have been looking at it. What we need to know is what you need now, if that is maps of the trees and their identities so you can connect while walking around in the parks the trees with their identities and condition. Is that your primary interest right now?

Chairman Wolf stated yes, we have our Public Works Supervisor here and when we developed this the idea was to keep a running tab so he knows, and it would be interesting to see a trend line. We would like to get this data usable that we have now and then update it and keep it updated.

Member Rhea stated we could then note areas of concern or disease to formulate some kind of action plan to remedy those situations. We also need to loop the County into this in that some of the areas that I did inventory were not just City property, but County property in the township of McGill.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated we have the data from Ely and McGill and one thing I want to offer is you have

mentioned having a map that you can print out and walk around with; we can do that. What is most effective in updating and maintaining inventory in the field is through software that you have on a phone or tablet where you can walk around, and it has the GPS, and you can zoom in and out on the map. You can poke at a tree and update its condition and it updates the database so you have a running tally, and you can use it for management. You can pull it up on your computer or just log into a web browser and look at the data and that is something that NDF can support. We can fund through a grant a contract for you to work with a provider. There are two primary companies that cities and states use for this type of database management, and they also maintain the software. NDF can support Ely in getting the database into their software. I don't know if we can purchase tablets for you, but I will check into that, but we can pay for the initial getting your data into the database, getting you trained on it, getting the website set up for you guys, and a subscription so you can access that data and continue to use it if you are interested. At a later time, I could sit down with someone from the Tree Board to show you the maps and what they look like, how to use them, and how they can be used in the field. I can get you printed maps prior to getting you set up with software for you to work with.

Member Rhea stated I believe the City or the County has a CAD program so even some of the raw data we would be able to mitigate ourselves. I know a couple of individuals that would volunteer and donate their own personal CAD programs to work with this if necessary.

Chairman Wolf asked City Clerk Lee do we have any of that capability?

City Clerk Lee stated right now we contract with Basin Engineering for those services so they would have that kind of capability at their office. If the software that Cayenne is describing is simpler per say and if there was a grant to apply for where there was not a match or even a small match the Tree Board does have \$1,000.00 in their budget for this year. Public Works Supervisor Cracraft does have his phone that he could access that, and it could be shared with members of the Tree Board for your work. It seems like that might be a simpler way to go.

Member Rhea stated I was looking at if we could integrate tree inventory with City planning for various improvements and other things we are trying to do.

Chairman Wolf stated I like the idea of something easy for us to use. If we start going to Basin Engineering, they are going to charge us and that will not be cheap.

City Clerk Lee stated yes, I am sure that would be a separate project for them and not under their normal monthly advising.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated with the data we have we can get the physical maps to you it is just hard to use the physical maps in a lot of ways. The companies that have been developing the software are urban forestry city planning specific. It is really meant for any city employees or

volunteers to be able to log in on their phone or through a tablet and walk around a park and can actually see what you are looking at. You can click on a tree and the information about that tree will come up. You can give certain people access to manipulate that data such as updating the condition. It is set up for management and set up for you guys to look at what percentage of our trees are in what kind of condition, how many of a species, how big they are, and other data with easy access. Regarding the funding from what I understand you guys are looking at, is using an updated inventory and if you use your staff time and volunteer time in updating the data that can count as a match for us to initially pay the fee for the program and paying the company to do some training with you on it.

Chairman Wolf asked how do we get there? Is there a specific grant that you recommend we apply for?

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated I have a grant available, and I have a couple of connections. There are two primary software that people in the State use, and I don't know why one is chosen over the other. If you assign someone to work with me essentially, and we can talk to each company and find what is the best fit for you and then get quotes from each and then move forward on the grant process. This process will probably take six to eight weeks and if you need anything in the meantime, I have the data.

Member Rhea stated I am retired and therefor available. If it is necessary that I come over to Carson City or to Las Vegas, I can come there.

Chairman Wolf asked how do we proceed with this from here?

City Clerk Lee stated you are fine to have a member work with Cayenne. You will need to have a future agenda item if you decide to apply for a grant.

Suzi Algrim with the Nevada Landscape Coalition stated a lot of work we do is writing grants and I am willing to offer my assistance if there is any assistance you need in writing this grant or any of the GIS assistance.

Chairman Wolf opened items three and four for discussion.

3. Chairman Wolf – Cayenne Engel, (UCF) of Nevada Division of Forestry – Lisa Ortega, ISA Master Arborist of *Nevada Plants* – Discussion Only – Presentation regarding the availability of grants for public landscaping.
4. Chairman Wolf – Lisa Ortega, ISA Master Arborist of *Nevada Plants* – Discussion Only – Presentation on *Nevada Plants*' Las Vegas Growing Program with regards to the City Tree Nursery.

Lisa Ortega, ISA Master Arborist of Nevada Plants stated I wanted to let you know that I started a new non-profit, and we are looking at State-wide outreach. We are very tree

planting centered and one of the things we have been working on here is fruit trees for food deserts. We have \$8,000.00 from a grant from UNLV for southern Nevada and we have spent about half of that. The Forest Service was interested in giving us another \$30,000.00 which would include private property too; UNLV and I are working on the budget. We really want food deserts Statewide and a lot of time they are for senior citizens and low-income citizens. It has to be for people that are a mile or more from a grocery store which can really put a burden on some people. I know in the bigger cities where there is no supermarket there is fast food so what happens is it really wears on the nutritional availability for seniors. We are also working on urban heat island as you know Reno and Las Vegas are the fastest heating cities in the nation. There is a lot of work by the cities being done on public property with parks and trails and have funding, but what they are not looking at is residents. We are trying to focus on private property and how we can make a difference there with tree giveaways, so something for you guys to think about. Bill is on the Board, and we are always available for grant writing or whatever you guys need. The Tree software is incredible; when you open it up there is a blue dot where you are standing, and it asks you what tree it is with a drop-down list, and they are all from your area. It asks you the height, width, and asks if you would like to take a picture. You can do it from your own phone and on some of them you can have as many logins as you want so different people can get out there. Yes, it is our GIS database, and it is really fluid and great software for tree folks because you can add and subtract trees, comment if it is failing, and it is set up for tree attributes. The programs are about \$3,000.00 a year and any training you need from us, grant writing, or looking at software we would help. I would encourage you if you are going to write a grant for software add some trees in there and get all the pieces in there you might be interested in doing. Hopefully, we will have money for fruit trees on public or private property and I will let you know on that.

Chairman Wolf stated I am a little confused, the program you write is that the same that Cayenne is talking about and are you suggesting it to the Board to use on our public trees or are you talking more about mapping the fruit trees as part of the food desert program?

Lisa Ortega, ISA Master Arborist of Nevada Plants stated it is for tree inventory and the great thing about our GIS is you can look at your trees in relation to all other city assets. Trees and stop signs start to become of interest in urban forestry, but you might not have that, need that, or want that. I do want to say, you should investigate some of the tree software's that are available so if you have a three year grant you would ask for three years of funding which is about \$3,000.00 a year, but it is so tree centric. It is super easy to use, and you can all do it on your phones. You can log in and see all of your city tree assets with a google map underneath. I just wanted to do a shout out for the software's that are available and let you know there are five or six companies, and they do a really nice job. If you notice a crack in a tree or something else, you can send a report while you are in the field to anybody with an email address. I know all the big cities are working with these programs for their inventories. I was talking to Cayenne earlier and she was talking about setting up some workshops there on tree care. If you find you need that based on what you are seeing out there, we would certainly like to engage with that as well.

City Clerk Lee stated I have a question, have either of you seen grants that will pay for the annual subscription fees, because that would be an issue.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated the funding I have now can, and I believe we can do three years. I don't think that would be unreasonable to get you set up with it. To answer your question Bill, you can use the software for public trees, fruit trees, or whatever you want with it. There is no cap on how many trees you can enter. We will enter the 2014 inventory and it will be ready for you guys to update and add any new plants and changes as necessary. You could get reports for just City planted trees, partnership trees, or any other specified reports.

Chairman Wolf stated as part of the discussion that Member Rhea, Suzie, and Cayenne are going to have they could make a generalized discretion with grants in general. In the past, the Division of Forestry did provide grants and we did put on pruning seminars within the community. I know we have worked with the City over the years to give employees pruning seminars. I think we want to get back into a routine of offering those for the community, whether it is City, County, or private folks.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated that is something we can support, and I have been talking to your neighbors in Lincoln County as they are desperately wanting that as well. If we could do an eastern Nevada tree care training our program does support that financially right now.

Chairman Wolf stated we are glad to see the Nevada Division of Forestry is back in the position of offering those types of things.

Chairman Wolf stated we will want to have more discussions with you, Lisa, as to planting more fruit trees.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated I just want to say there is funding for tree planting in public landscaping. I would suggest if you have any activities coming up specifically with Arbor Day that you submit your application, and I can get those forms to you.

Chairman Wolf stated if we want to apply for a grant, we will have to have another meeting to bring the grant forward to vote on it, approve it, and then submit it; correct?

City Clerk Lee stated you don't necessarily have to do it in that order. If there is a grant that is time sensitive and there is no match required by the City it can be submitted and then put on the City Council agenda for retroactive approval.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated we have two types of grants you could apply for. One would be for you to buy the trees, and we would reimburse by request and the other would be for you to put in a request of what you need, and we would buy them directly.

5. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Acknowledgement of Robison Nevada Mine’s donation of trees to the City of Ely.

Chairman Wolf stated a tree was purchased by the Robison Nevada Mine at the Ely Festival of Trees, and we have worked with the Ely Festival of Trees in the years past to donate and plant at the Golf Course or at a park in town. Did they express any desire of where they wanted the tree?

Member Trask stated no, they did not. It is a Ponderosa Pine and is sitting in a bucket in my yard until we have a plan on where to plant it.

Chairman Wolf asked if anyone had suggestions of where to plant it or if Public Works Supervisor Cracraft had a suggestion of a park that it could be planted in.

Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated the problem with planting it in Broadbent Park is we are waiting to hear on the SNPLMA Grant and if the park does get redone, we don’t want to plant trees we are going to have to take back out.

Chairman Wolf stated where Mill Street meets the bypass, we have planted trees there before and we had a drip water system in there. Would that be a spot for planting it?

City Attorney Cahoon stated I think taking action or discussion of placement of the tree is outside the scope of the agenda item.

Vice Chairperson Campeau moved to Acknowledge the donation of the Ponderosa Pine to the City of Ely from Robison Nevada Mine with a thank you letter to be sent by Chairman Wolf. Member Rhea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to send request to White Pine County that the City Tree Board be allowed to plant new trees at all County-owned parks and facilities, including the White Pine County Golf Course, Within or adjacent to the City of Ely.

Chairman Wolf stated this would include Steptoe Park over by the hospital?

Member Rhea stated there have been trees planted in that park before and I don’t think the County will have a problem approving that. It would be nice to formalize our relationship with the County regarding the park and the Golf Course.

Chairman Wolf asked would we like to change the wording on this item because we are saying within or adjacent to the City of Ely. Do we want to expand that to include all County property in cooperation with the Tree Board? If we were to receive one of the grants that Lisa spoke about that would give us the ability to plant fruit trees in Baker, McGill, or other County property.



City Clerk Lee stated if you wanted to expand that we could put that on a future agenda. You can vote on how the item is written at this time.

Member Rhea moved to send a request to White Pine County that the City Tree Board be allowed to plant new trees at all County-owned parks and facilities, including the White Pine County Golf Course, Within or adjacent to the City of Ely. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Campeau stated I can write that request to White Pine County.

City Clerk Lee stated if the request could be signed by the Chairman, we can send them on through my office.

7. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendation that May 7, 2022 be proclaimed Arbor Day in the City of Ely.

Chairman Wolf stated in the past we have tried to recognize Arbor Day closer to the regular Arbor Day, but we have snowstorms and weather that prevents us from that.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated there is one for the State and by State Statute it is always the last Friday in April, but locally you can make whatever day of the year your Arbor Day.

Vice Chairman Campeau moved to recommend that May 7, 2022 be proclaimed Arbor Day in the City of Ely. Member Rhea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wolf opened item eight and nine together.

8. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Recommendations for specific tree selections as part of the Nevada Department of Transportation’s (NDOT) Ely Downtown Project.
9. Chairman Wolf – Discussion/For Possible Action – Retroactive approval of support letter for Nevada Department of Transportation’s application for a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to support the Ely Downtown Project.

Chairman Wolf stated at one point the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) had a couple of phases they were going to do in downtown Ely; one was the highway they did last year, and another is the downtown area. We had a number of meetings looking at what trees we would like to see planted and configuration. Jennifer has that went away?

City Clerk Lee stated no, it is up and running. City Engineer Almborg spoke to me yesterday and NDOT has notified his office needing the sixty percent plans completely finished no later than the end of April.

Chairman Wolf asked how does that relate to the RAISE Grant?

City Clerk Lee stated it is not set in stone, so the RAISE Grant would solidify it and make it much harder to cut things out. The RAISE Grant can only help us if NDOT was awarded that.

Chairman Wolf stated as part of that NDOT project I think it was the first ten blocks they were going to put trees among other things. One of the discussions we had with the State is let's put trees of the same kind on each block and that would create different bloom times for each block. We then changed it to each intersection instead of each block so each intersection would have the same kind of trees from intersection to intersection, and that is where we are at now.

City Clerk Lee stated is a member of the Tree Board going to draft a letter for you to sign that would talk about those recommendations that could be forwarded on to NDOT? I think that is really important as they are in the planning stages again.

Chairman Wolf stated if we are going to do that, we need to have a discussion with them on what their specific design is going to be and is it still the same one we agreed to at the beginning.

City Clerk Lee stated I can reach out to NDOT for the Tree Board.

Lisa Ortega, ISA Master Arborist of Nevada Plants stated really look at the infrastructure of where they are going to be putting the trees because the tree health is really all about pit size. We don't want them to install trees in a six-by-six-foot area and then three to four years later you are out of soil volume and the trees start to fail. The longevity of the trees really depends on soil volume. I would just take an inquiry there too while you are making suggestions if you can.

Chairman Wolf stated one of the previous discussions we had with them is having the structured soil underneath the sidewalks, but they shot that down because it was too expensive.

Member Rhea moved to table the recommendation for specific tree selections as part of the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) Ely Downtown Project until the Tree Board has made contact and had a discussion with NDOT. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The letter on the following page was sent in support for Nevada Department of Transportation's application for a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to support the Ely Downtown Project.



## **CITY OF ELY**

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**Dear Secretary Buttigieg:**

The Ely Tree Board is happy to support the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) request for a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure and Equity (RAISE) Grant. The Tree Board was involved in previous designs of the project working closely with NDOT in multiple meetings with agency staff and public outreach to develop appropriate design components and trees for our location. The design characteristics of tree species and their integration into the downtown corridor were chosen specifically to enhance community efforts in environmental sustainability through the well documented ability of trees to reduce pollution and promote energy efficiency. Improving the quality of life by enhancing the unique characteristics of the downtown community were specifically addressed as part of the design process. We believe the design does improve downtown mobility and community connectivity by including bike paths and improving the sidewalks along with the tree planting. A center-point of the discussions with NDOT and the community was how to improve the economic strength of the community by increasing tourism traffic in the downtown corridor through the design features of the project. Key partners in those agency and community discussions were the Nevada Division of Forestry Urban and Community Forester and the Nevada Shade Tree Council.

The Ely Tree Board wholeheartedly supports funding the RAISE grant and eagerly awaits the project funding and completion.

Sincerely,

Wm Wolf  
Chairman, Ely Tree Board

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Member Rhea moved to Retroactively approve the support letter for Nevada Department of Transportation's application for a 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant to support the Ely Downtown Project. Vice Chairman Campeau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Chairman Wolf – Discussion Only – Consideration of possible outreach efforts to get Nevada Division of Forestry, and possibly other entities, to sponsor plant sales in the City of Ely.

Chairman Wolf stated I will let Cayenne talk about this program. Elko is doing a plant sale and we would like to know if we could do something similar in Ely.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated I don't see why not. Typically, what we do there and have done in other places is work with a local group such as FFA. If they organize the tree sale, they then get a dollar for every tree sold as a fundraiser. The trees are coming from our state tree nursery. We take orders ahead of time and see what species people want, organize a pickup and delivery, and generally have a specific pick-up day. We can do it as a fundraiser or a way to get trees that are advised for the area to your area at a cheaper rate. We would need to depend on you guys to connect us to people that would be interested and technically for our state tree nursery we can only sell to people that have at least one acre of land based on State Statute. The best thing I can do is connect you with Andi Porecca and have her go through logistics and explore if it is viable. Who do you think needs the tree sales and what are the benefits you think you would get?

Vice Chairman Campeau stated I am not sure what organization it was; it might have been FFA, they had a tree sale at the craft fair at the Bristlecone Convention Center and they may be interested in doing another one.

Member Rhea stated I noticed in the newspaper the other day they have a new local lady that has taken over the 4-H education, and she would be the contact for that organization. They would be a good source of sponsor for such a sale. Her name is Alana Wise.

Suzie Algrim stated the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC) is partnering to do many projects with Alana Wise and so I have all of her contact information. Alana is young, energetic, and excited to get the 4-H program going so I am sure she will be on board with this.

Chairman Wolf asked if there was someone that would like to take the lead on this?

Vice Chairman Campeau stated I will.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated I will forward Andi Porecca's information to Candice to work together on this.

11. Board Members – Discussion/ for Possible Action – Approval of April 22, 2021 City Tree Board minutes.

Vice Chairman Campeau moved to approve the April 22, 2021 City Tree Board minutes as presented. Member Rhea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

City Clerk Lee stated I want to say the Tree Board is really a model how these community minded boards need to work with the City. You have come up with all your own agenda items and you assign each other tasks for follow-up with those items. It is wonderful to watch.

Member Rhea stated I would like to see an item on the next agenda regarding the tree nursery and grants that are available.

Chairman Wolf stated I did have a conversation with Cayenne as she is working with the City of Las Vegas, and they have their own little tree nursery. My intent was to have Cayenne talk a little bit about what she is doing with them as far as community nurseries.

Vice Chairman Campeau asked that there be a standing item added on the agenda to discuss future agenda items.

Cayenne Engel, Urban and Community Forester with the Nevada Division of Forestry stated we worked with the City of Las Vegas and were able to secure a grant where they are essentially supporting a nursery to grow trees. They buy them from our nursery as small trees and have an active program. They are focusing on root pruning and structural pruning as they are growing up trees to size that they are then going to plant in their municipal areas. We do have some sources to secure funding that I can talk to the City of Ely with if you are interested. One of the outcomes from the grant for the City of Las Vegas is for their Urban Forester to basically write up instructions for what to do, how to do it, and what kind of set up you need. Their interest is ultimately to save them some money, but their true focus is to get appropriate and good quality tree stock. We constantly hear from our municipalities that what they get from commercial nurseries are often limited to the quantity at the time of ordering and the quality. There is often very poor root quality or structural quality that can lead to failures, so it gives the local municipality more control. We are interested in pilot programs elsewhere if other partner cities can do mini versions of what Las Vegas is doing with their guidance and using them for coaching. I would be happy to talk to the City of Ely about that a bit more.

Chairman Wolf stated we do have a site and how do I do it to where after the meeting we can adjourn and meet at the site we are looking at so everyone can be there at one time?

City Clerk Lee stated what I understand from the past is you can have meetings such as that, but there are no action items or discussion on future agenda items.

City Attorney Cahoon stated I agree with Jennifer in that you cannot have any discussion that would lead to action items, or it needs to be noticed to the public.

Chairman Wolf stated the idea is just to get everyone together at one time so everyone can see what we have and then have an informed discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Chairman Wolf stated we can all meet at 3:00 p.m. on Monday to look at the area the City has given us to start a tree nursery near the City corrals and talk about the history of it. Cayenne we will send pictures to you, so you have an idea of what we are working with.

Suzie Algrim asked is that meeting on Monday open to the public?

Chairman Wolf stated yes, you are welcome to attend. As part of our agenda at our next meeting we are going to have a report from City Clerk Lee on NDOT and where they are at. Our next meeting, we will plan to have on April 28, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY TREE BOARD.**

Vice Chairman Campeau moved to adjourn the meeting at **9:18 a.m.** Member Trask seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

  
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