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CITY TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Chairman Bill Wolf called the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board to order at 9:00 A.M.

Members present:

Chairman Bill Wolf
Member Gene Trask
Member Harry Rhea
Member Tami Church

Members absent:

Vice Chairman Candice Campeau

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:

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

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following persons attended via video conference: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. REPORTS

➤ **CHAIRMAN WOLF**

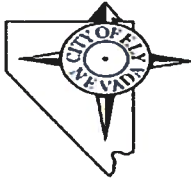
Chairman Bill Wolf stated there is tough competition for the Inflation Reduction Act Grant. It will be announced by the end of August who the recipients are, and a check will be cut by the end of September. I spoke with Adam Young at the Middle School, and he stated there will not be a problem with planting trees in front of the Middle School as proposed by the NDOT Aultman Street plans for vegetation.

➤ **MEMBER CHURCH**

Member Tami Church stated I checked on trees at Bath Lumber and with what the sophomores have left there are three-to-four-foot trees available such as lilacs, crabapples, and aspens.

➤ **CITY CLERK**

City Administrative Assistant Cobb read the following report into the record.



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MEMO

DATE: June 21, 2023
TO: Tree Board Chairman Bill Wolf and Tree Board Members
COPY: Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
FROM: City Clerk Lee
RE: Nevada Department of Transportation's Landscaping Plans for Downtown Ely

As I am unable to attend tomorrow's Tree Board meeting, I am submitting my comments on the Nevada Department of Transportation's current landscaping plans for Downtown Ely.

I am very appreciative of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) efforts to add landscaping as part of their Ely Downtown renovation; they have invested years of time and money into this project.

NDOT's current landscaping plans for Ely's Downtown are beautiful, but I recommend against including the scheduled corner planters; they will be labor intensive to maintain, and the City of Ely already has four parks and a lawned cemetery to care for with a small staff.

Thank you.

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 4A-1 Minutes.

Moved by: Member Rhea Second by: Member Church Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action –Minutes.

- May 12, 2023

B. NEW BUSINESS


1. Chairman Wolf – Nevada Department of Transportation Landscape Architect Supervisor John L’Etoile – Discussion/For Possible Action – Determination of recommendations on the Nevada Department of Transportation’s Downtown Ely Landscaping and Green Infrastructure Project plans, with approval to send said recommendations to the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Nevada Department of Transportation Landscape Architect Supervisor John L’etoile reviewed following slides:

Our Current Plant List

Who can see your viewing activity? X

PLANT SCHEDULE



TREES				
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	QTY	SIZE
AP	ACER PLATANOIDES 'ROYAL RED'	ROYAL RED MAPLE	38	BALLED AND BUR
AT	ACER TRUNCATUM X A. PLAT 'WARRENRED'	PACIFIC SUNSET MAPLE	18	BALLED AND BUR
FP	FRAXINUS PENNSYLVANICA 'URBANITE'	URBANITE GREEN ASH	4	BALLED AND BUR
GT	GLEDITSIA TRIACANTHOS 'SUNCOLE'	SUNBURST HONEY LOCUST	20	BALLED AND BUR

SHRUBS/GROUNDCOVERS/PERENNIALS				
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	QTY	SIZE
EP	ECHINACEA PURPUREA	PURPLE CONEFLOWER	240	OTS
EU	ERIOGONUM UMBELLATUM	SULFER BUCKWHEAT	84	OTS
CX	GALLARDA X GRANDIFLORA	BLANET FLOWER	159	OTS
RS	ILEX 'RED SPRITE'	RED SPRITE WINTERBERRY	6	5-GALLON
RH	RUDBECKIA HIRTA	BLACK-EYED SUSAN	355	OTS
SS	SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM	LITTLE BLUESTEM	116	OTS
VO	VIBURNUM OPULIS 'NANUM'	DWARF CRANBERRY BUSH	6	5-GALLON

ANNUALS				
SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	QTY	SIZE
AN	TBD (SEASONAL)	TBD (SEASONAL)	1,314	FLATS

Who can see your viewing activity? X

Anchor Trees at Intersections



Interior Trees



Little Leaf Linden



Royal Red Maple



Pacific Sunset Maple

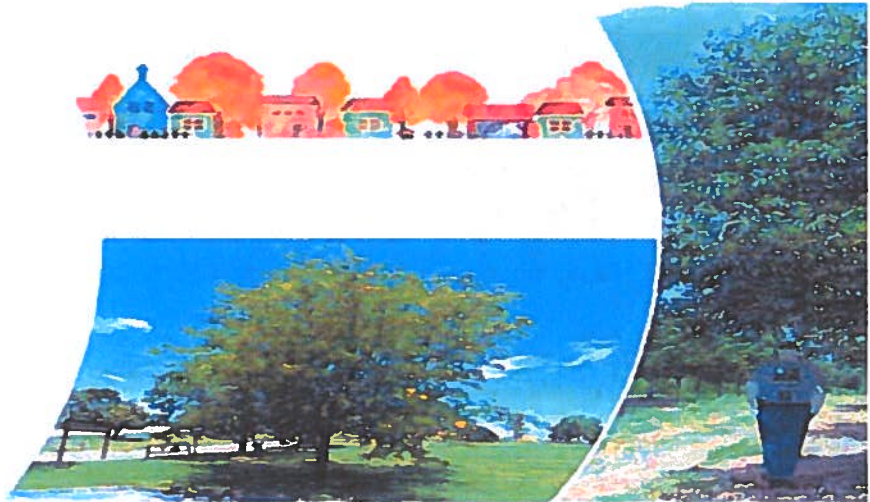


Gingko biloba



Let's chose our favorite anchor trees

- Only Urbanite Ash
- Only Honey Locust
- Both Urbanite Ash and Honey Locust



- Gingko biloba
- Royal Red Maple
- Pacific Sunset Maple
- Little Leaf Linden
- Other suggestions?

Nevada Department of Transportation Landscape Architect Supervisor John L'etoile stated the anchor trees will be a dark green with the interior trees offering a variety of colors to the tree scape in the fall. The interior trees consist of Gingko Biloba, Royal Red Maple, Pacific Sunset Maple, and Little Leaf Linden. The Honey Locusts are strong and can withstand heavy snow if we have a winter like the last and I think that is important to find trees that will hold up. We will be working with the power company to make sure the trees do not interfere with power lines.

There was further discussion on the types of trees that were presented and the placing of the trees on Aultman Street in regard to how tall they will grow, if there is canopy for shading, sunlight to the trees, and how consistent they will be throughout and the variety of colors through the fall.

Chairman Wolf stated let's put on the July 27, 2023, agenda for final selection of recommendations on the Nevada Department of Transportation's Downtown Ely Landscaping and Green Infrastructure Project plans, with approval to send said recommendations to the Nevada Department of Transportation as that will give everyone time to look at it and digest it.

Member Rhea moved to table determination of recommendations on the Nevada Department of Transportation's Downtown Ely Landscaping and Green Infrastructure Project plans, with approval to send said recommendations to the Nevada Department of Transportation. Member Church seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Member Campeau – Adam Strouse of the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) - Discussion/For Possible Action – Update on Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) tree sale and approval for the City Tree Board to partner with the White Pine Composite Mountain Bike Team as a fundraiser for their club.

Adam Strouse of the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) stated one of the questions you asked me to follow up on was if you could piggy-back on the Elko sale this fall and that is possible we just have to see what stock is left after their sale. They do not have a specific date set for that sale, but when they do, I will let you know.

Chairman Wolf stated Member Church had mentioned the Sophomore class is going to do a tree sale in the fall so maybe we will put the other off until spring.

Member Church stated you can't have too many trees. I don't see a conflict at all if we both do tree sales.

Adam Strouse of the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) stated I also asked if the mountain bike club could buy trees from the tree board and sell them as a fundraiser and they said that would be fine as 4-H Clubs, school boards, and other organizations do that quite a bit for fundraisers. They also said they should be able to grow some seeds in the native seed garden for you guys.

Chairman Wolf asked do they charge for that?

Adam Strouse of the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) stated I will find that out and get back to you.

Member Rhea moved to approve for the City Tree Board to partner with the White Pine Composite Mountain Bike Team on a tree sale with date to be determined as a fundraiser for their club. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Member Rhea – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of City Tree Board Landfill Planting Project to include but not limited to selection of species of trees, budget of project, and date of project to commence.

Member Rhea stated I was not able to meet with Mike to look at the Landfill as I had appointments and such that prevented me from doing so. If we could set a day to get together that would be great because I never remember to call and make an appointment.

Member Rhea moved to table the approval of City Tree Board Landfill Planting Project to include but not limited to selection of species of trees, budget of project, and date of project to commence. Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Member Church stated you had stated there was a concern about the planters that are possibly going in on Aultman street and the amount of maintenance there will be. Can we put on the next agenda to talk about adopting a planter and put a plaque in there of who is doing the maintenance and maybe there can be a reward for the person that takes care of their planter the best to encourage local participation in beautification.

Chairman Wolf stated I know the City does not want to be responsible for the maintenance because those types of beds are so intensive. I think we need to have a back up plan if our plan fails of what could go in there, so we don't end up with bare ground.

Member Rhea stated I would recommend the wording for the agenda item to be methods to minimize care on the Aultman Street proposed planters.

Administrative Assistant Cobb stated the next City Tree Board meeting will be July 27, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Member Rhea moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Tree Board at **9:45 a.m.** Member Trask seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



CHAIRMAN



ATTEST

