

**Friends of the Urban Forest Board**  
Minutes for February 16th, 2016 Meeting

Attendance

Board Members

Anton Brennick  
Phil Cammack  
Kriss Douglass  
Janel Madrazo  
Charlie O'Leary

Staff

Kellee Anderson  
Jenny Hershberger

Butte Silver Bow Government

John Moodry

Guests

Rick Douglass

Call to order.

Rick Douglass brought Tree Inventory tool and map for Anton, on behalf of Kriss Douglass

Minutes were reviewed. Two spelling errors found. Phil moved to approve with corrections, Janel seconded, motion carried.

Transplants. There are 16 small deciduous trees that will be transplanted from the city shops on the Parrot tailings site to the new shop location at the Gilman property. Plan on moving them last minute, projected spring of 2017. If city does not want them, board will find a place. Kellee emphasized the importance of transplanting while they are still dormant.

Treebate. Jenny showed options for layout of treebate and brought quotes. John suggested printing multiple coupons on cardstock and having a separate planting brochure. Jenny will find quote for this suggestion. Kellee also suggested continuing treebate voucher number from years past.

East Butte RRA project. What would we use to match grant proposal? Volunteer time (\$19/hour), 20 trees, fertilizer, dirt (\$16/yard), ask business / private landowners to help financially, soil testing (call Eric Hassler – reclamation. Do not plant the area around Mercury and Arizona Streets because it is going to be realigned. Board should be involved with MDOT (Phil Johnson) regarding new sidewalks.

Arborist. Board intends to ask that some form of an arborist be added to city budget. John suggested that this would be a multi-department position or shared position. Kellee mentioned this position be housed in extension. Show contrast of expense for current contracting regarding trees (trimming, planting, etc.). Is there a grant that covers these services? What could arborist do in winter? Tree inventory, education, planning, grant writing, etc. Kellee proposes a second extension agent. One for consumer sciences and one for horticulture and trees. Can also obtain interns through MSU Extension for summer work. For this to happen, it needs to be county driven. A full time employee through extension would be paid half by MSU and half by city/county. There is a

proposal for a second agent in the works. It would be good to have a plan/document ready and sent beforehand to discuss with the decision makers.

Reimburse \$62 to Phil Cammack for business cards, money to come from Headwaters account. Kriss moved to approve, Janel seconded, motion carried.

Financial report. Headwaters billed \$275 for their services. Year end budget through Headwaters for 2015 was reviewed, ending balance of \$12,607.02. Phil moved to approve, Janel seconded, motion carried.

BSB budget. Did not spend entire allotment last year. Use this account for tree trimming prizes, tools, tree guards, extension's supplies, fabric for tree grates, tree farm, planting tools, orange vests. Kellee will get a quote from Pioneer Equipment for these things. Kellee is going to order the same list of trees as last year.

Dewey, hoping to install water emitters when road is redone.

Elizabeth Warren, trees are ordered. Trish will pick up.

Arbor Day Grant, \$750 has been approved for 10 trees. Plant apple trees on Arbor Day (April 29<sup>th</sup>) at Judd. Paul Buckley and Phil will plan planting sites, along perimeter of park. Kellee will purchase tree guards.

Tree City, will get at least \$8,000, may get \$10,000.

Arbor Day, raise flag, proclamation by CEO, utility tree trim education with NW Energy, plant at Judd, tree bate kick off.

McGruff Park, dead trees have been taken out. Die off possibly due to high water table, weed whacking, mag chloride from road or deer?

Tree Works inventory, Anton has a variety of documents to share. According to shape file there are 4421 trees in Butte. Anton suggested parsing out a small part of the map to be a representative of information we are looking for. What questions would you like answered with this data? Anton could answer a few basic questions based on info in files. There is another database from Julie on breeze sites for EPA and ARCO. Where do we go from here? Software for Tree Works is outdated. Best to use and add to breeze site. Anton will continue investigating options and info to be used for grant writing, to measure success and conditions of success.

Next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Business Development Center.

Meeting adjourned.