

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 2026 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

2. Roll Call:

1. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – Chairman - present
 2. Daniel (Danny) Buendia – Vice-chair - present
 3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
 4. Kathy Mitchell – present
 5. Hannah Daniels – present
 6. Paul Buckner – present
 7. Natalie Peitsmeyer – present
- Quorum – 7/7 in attendance
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – absent
 - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

3. Approval of Minutes from November 2025 Meeting:

- A quorum was available. Randy moved to approve notes. Kathy 2nd the motion. All voice approved.
- There was no December 2025 meeting due to illness.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. There were no public comments.

5. Discussion Items per agenda:

- a. Berthoud Arboretum update
 - 1) Public comment - none
 - 2) 100% Construction Documents (CD's) are ready.
 - 3) The town board has given approval to go forward with bidding.
 - 4) Paul reviewed the details in the design.
 - 5) The nursery will be given a "blank slate" to work out planting details from there.
 - 6) The property north of middle school track is in negotiations for purchase.
 - 7) Danny will be the lead during construction.
- b. Committee Goals for 2026
 - 1) Public comment – none
 - 2) The tree carving issue will be handed off to the "art" department.
 - 3) We are looking at a citizen science initiative.
 - 4) Discussion about a town tree, bird, etc. (Up & Comers)
 - 5) The QR code on the calendar will continue to guide people to the monthly hints.
 - 6) The Forestry crew is attempting to collect acorns for starter oaks.
 - 7) We could invite certain groups to attend meeting for better participation.
 - 8) Set up a mailing list to be able to send out volunteer opportunities.
 - 9) Add to the agenda each month an action to collect ideas for goals.
- c. Street Tree Replacement Cost Share Program Update
 - 1) Public comment – none
 - 2) Forestry is looking to define the Application period and Planting season.
 - 3) TAC members could help by evaluating proposed sites for adequacy.
 - 4) Program would have to be adjusted to close loopholes found during application process.
 - 5) Paul is shooting to get up and running by next month.

- d. Ivy Stockwell STEM night topics/volunteers
 - 1) Public comment – none
 - 2) Natalie asked for a 4pm show up time for volunteers.
 - 3) Hannah asked if the city had pins to be worn to identify volunteers.
- e. Arbor Day 2026 Planning
 - 1) This topic was deferred to next month's meeting due to lack of time.
 - 2) Paul asked everyone to look for planting sites and send him suggestions.

6. Staff Report:

- a. Paul provided a quick update on staff completed and ongoing work.
 - 1) There was a dead maple on Main Street and 2nd that was taken down.
 - 2) Christmas lights were taken down.
 - 3) The Forestry crew set up a chain saw sharpening bench in shop.
 - 4) There was extensive pruning down along the Nielsen Greenway.

7. Adjourn:

- Rick adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P.M. on the 26th day of January 2026.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 23rd, 2026, at 5:30 pm**

Signature:

 2/24/26
for BTAC