

BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 2024 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M. on Monday, March 18th, 2024.

2. Roll Call:

1. Kathy Mitchell – Chair – present
 2. Lynn Larsen – Vice Chair – present
 3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
 4. Toni Baker – attend via Zoom
 5. Hannah Daniels – present
 6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
 7. Amy Lentz – present
- Quorum - 7/7 either in attendance or via Zoom
- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
 - Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

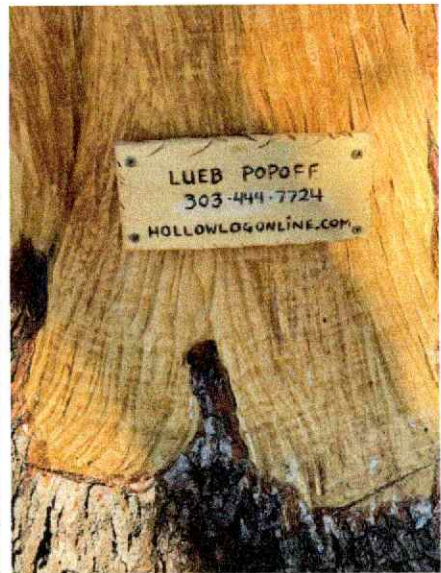
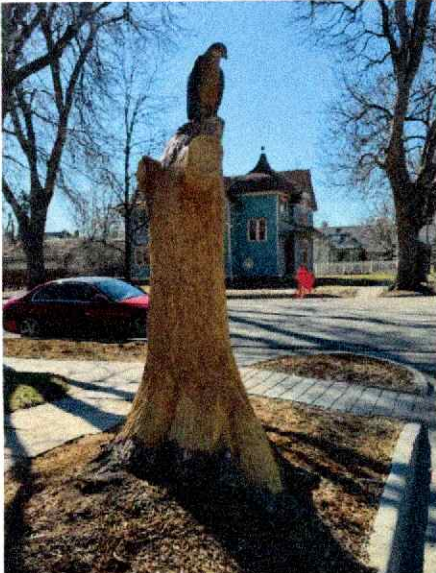
3. Approval of Minutes from February 2024 Meeting:

- Motion for approval made by Randy; seconded by Amy. Approved by all.

4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. Arbor Day Poster Contest. Sean commented on coordination of a school presentation.
 - 1) He was in contact with Ivy Elem, on Monday, April 22 will attend 3rd-5th grades to present the Arbor Day poster contest.
 - 2) Posters will be due at the end of the day on Thursday, April 25th.
- b. Arbor Day Banner.
 - 1) Paul has been in contact with banner designer about ideas and costs.
 - 2) He plans to purchase one that can be used multiple years, so date won't be on banner.
 - 3) Hoping to get a simple, easy to remember URL to direct people to website with Arbor Day information that will change each year.
- c. Amy announced she will be teaching class on April 11 from 6:00-7:30pm at Berthoud Library.

Note: below photos taken the day after the meeting and posted here for reference to Item 5.a below.



5. Discussion Items:

- a. Street Tree Carving Cost Sharing Program (No public comments).
 - 1) Paul pointed out that a dead ash tree was carved into sculpture. (See pictures above)
 - 2) Location is the NE corner of 5th Street and Massachusetts Ave.
 - 3) The property owner had not gotten a Street Tree Work Permit to do this.
 - 4) Forestry Department is considering a program to allow others to do similar work and is requesting input as to how this can be done.
 - a) Cost sharing program with the city with a price cap.
 - b) Requests must identify artist and submit topic or sketch of proposed sculpture.
 - c) There is a known cure time before a tree is eligible for carving. Need to define.
 - d) There was a suggestion to plant a tree alongside the carving to maintain the canopy.
 - e) There should be guidelines about how many per street and how far apart. Also, themes such as Nature, Wildlife, etc. to prevent undesirable results.
 - f) The committee was asking if several artists could be contacted to come talk to group with suggestions on how best to regulate this activity.
- b. Next Quarter Social Media Posts (No public comments)
 - 1) April – continue push for the Arbor Day celebration
 - 2) May – EAB along with map of where the treatments will occur
 - 3) June – Town code for tree clearance
 - 4) Suggestions were made for when to remove tree stakes, remove tree wrap (timed with shutdown and restoring of sprinkler systems), follow up on the fall pruning instructions.
- c. Continuing Plans for 2024 Arbor Day celebrations. (No public comments)
 - 1) The town board approved the resolution at last week's meeting for Bien Park on April 27.
 - 2) Paul plans to plant a Hackberry Tree, balled and burlapped.
 - 3) Amy sent a suggested presentation to Paul for use in the school classroom or at the event.
 - 4) Paul hopes to get handouts such as tree stickers, pencils, crayons or colored pencils.
 - 5) There was a suggestion to include topics such as ice cream flavors coming from trees (vanilla, chocolate, root beer) to get and hold the interest of the younger attendees.
 - 6) Sean suggested pocket pamphlets on trees and wildflowers to handout to kids.
 - 7) Poster contest (see above 4.a comment)
 - 8) Ric asked if posters from contest could be placed in downtown business to generate interest.

6. Staff Report:

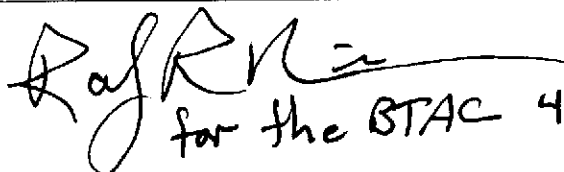
- a. Paul provided update:
 - 1) Showed pictures of tree removal at cemetery by professional tree service using ropes.
 - 2) The stump at removal location in Bien Park has been done to receive new tree.
 - 3) A new forestry tech has been hired. Samuel Bailey has a CSU degree in forestry, just got ISA certification.
 - 4) Crew busy with trimming trees at Berthoud Local Garden, cutting back landscaping, remove dead aspen at Railroad Park, remove a cottonwood near inlet structure at Berthoud Res.
 - 5) Forestry received a grant to purchase electric chain and pole saw, working out well.
 - 6) COTree has a problem, 600+ trees listed as invalid. Have new tech correcting this information.
 - 7) Berthoud's one State Champion tree has been cut down. Paul hopes to start the Berthoud Champion list.

7. Adjourn:

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:20 P.M. on the 18th day of March 2024.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 15th, 2024, at 5:00 pm**

Signature:


for the BTAC 4/17/24