

# BERTHOUD TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## March 2025 Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to order:

Kathy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### 2. Roll Call:

1. Kathy Mitchell – Chair – present
2. Hannah Daniels – Vice Chair – present
3. Randy Niece – Secretary – present
4. Daniel (Danny) Buendia - present
5. Lynn Larsen– present
6. Richard (Rick) Kurcab – present
7. Amy Lentz – present

Quorum – 7/7 in attendance

- Sean Murphy – Town Liaison – present
- Paul Furnas – Town Forester & Open Space Supervisor – present

### 3. Approval of Minutes from February 2024 Meeting:

- Motion for approval was made by Randy, seconded by Lynn. Approved by all.

### 4. Public Comment or Non agenda items:

- a. New committee member introduced. Daniel Buendia.
- b. Rick asked Paul about the access to mulch for residents to use. Paul will follow up.

### 5. Discussion Items:

- a. Introduce Faye Braaten-Local wood sculptor
  - 1) Public comment – none.
  - 2) Paul explained the concept of cost sharing for residents choosing to sculpture.
  - 3) Faye stated that she had done the horse head carving at Ivy Stockwell Elementary School.
  - 4) Questions were posed to Faye
    - a) Long term care of the carving?
      - Failure to treat wood after carving will shorten the life of the carving.
      - Best first treatment can be done with linseed oil.
      - Some users apply Australian timber oil.
      - Spar Varnish tends to age, peel and flake making for more work.
    - b) What age of wood is preferred?
      - Green wood is best as it is easier to carve.
      - Older wood dries, hardens and cracks and makes for more work to sharpen chains.
    - c) Price for carving?
      - Average cost \$2,500 - \$5,000
      - It depends on complexity, height (scaffold work), and type of wood.
    - d) Ease of moving after carving done.
      - Example: CDOT required one customer to remove their carving on ROW.
      - Several have been done and can usually be done with loader/backhoe and flatbed.
    - e) Preferred species of tree?
      - The harder the better. Will do cottonwood but not durable.
    - f) Preferred size of tree for carving?
      - Best to have DBH 12" and over.

- g) Wood burning of surface is used for effect.
  - h) How do you deal with rot?
    - She can usually modify the design to work around the rot.
    - If rot too advanced, she won't accept the job as it is a waste.
  - i) Time frame needed for scheduling.
    - Technically she is about 1 year out.
    - Special consideration might be given for local work.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter social media posts
- 1) Public comment – none
  - 2) Paul reviewed the proposed April, May and June postings.
    - a) April - Arbor Day and poster contest
    - b) May – Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) information
    - c) June – Town code for tree clearance.
- c. Arbor Day 2025 Planning
- 1) Public comment – none
  - 2) This event is now 1 month away.
  - 3) Poster contest theme “Trees and Their Friends”.
  - 4) Paul has ordered 10–15-gallon trees to make it easier for residents to plant.
  - 5) The Girl Scout connection from last year has been contacted.
  - 6) Kathy has left messages with her Boy Scout contacts.
  - 7) Someone will need to contact the Rotary Club and others.
  - 8) Paul has arranged for the pop-up sign for booth, about \$261.
    - a) Logos suggested:
      - Leaf us your questions.
      - Try to stump us with questions.
  - 9) Paul is also looking for a feather sign and needs design ideas.
  - 10) Educational poster needed for event to show steps in how to plant tree.
  - 11) The give-away items would include a starter garden kit, pruners, small trees.

**Staff Report:**

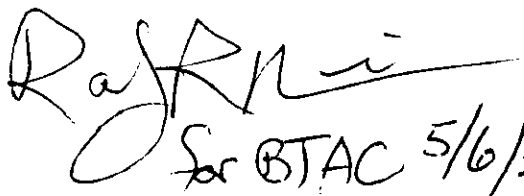
- a. Paul provided update.
- 1) Cemetery red cedar partially blown down. May leave trunk for possible sculpture.
  - 2) Staff will perform “young tree” pruning at Waggener Park
  - 3) Staff is wrapping up the tree inventory.
  - 4) This planting season, staff has about 40-50 trees planted as a goal.

**6. Adjourn:**

- Kathy adjourned the meeting at 6:48 P.M. on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 pm**

Signature:

  
for BTAC 5/6/25