

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 17th, 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. 2nd 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:

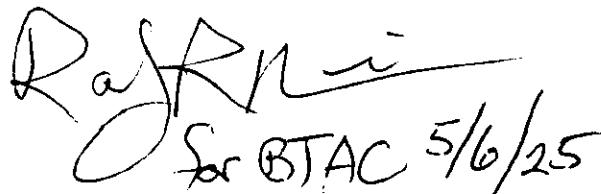
- a. Paul provided update.
- 1) Cemetery red cedar partially blown down. May leave trunk for possible sculpture.
- 2) Staff will perform "young tree" pruning at Waggener Park
- 3) Staff is wrapping up the tree inventory.
- 4) This planting season, staff has about 40-50 trees planted as a goal.

6. Adjourn:

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21st, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Signature:



R. Rini
for BTAC 5/6/25