

## Tree and Landscape Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

305 SW A Street, Bentonville, AR

Zoom Meeting – the public and non-committee members may contact [chyatt@bentonvillear.com](mailto:chyatt@bentonvillear.com) to request participation via Zoom.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82341556426?pwd=clgwVWsxTWNMWWs3bVZkeDR4ekZTd09>

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**Tagline:** Grow with trees.

### Members

Gulizar Baggson, 12/31/23

Nathan Lembke, Chair, 12/31/23

Jessie Wagner, Vice-Chair, 12/31/23

Ralph Weber, 12/31/24

Stephen Gilbert, 12/31/24

Mark Bray, 12/31/24

Ashley Harris 12/31/25

### Ex-Officio City Council

Holly Hook, 12/31/27

### Staff

Baylea Birchfield, Planner

Geoff Braga, Urban Forester

Emily Krol, Horticulturalist

Christopher Hyatt, Planner

## AGENDA

**OPEN MEETING - Meeting is being recorded.**

**1. \*Meeting Summary Approval –November 17, 2022**

### NEW BUSINESS

**2. Welcome Christopher Hyatt**

**3. Welcome Ashley Harris**

**4. Election of Officers**

**5. 2023 Tree Giveaway Dates**

- Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

**6. Brainstorming Public Education**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

*\* Attachment*

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- ✓ David Short, 12/31/22
- ✓ Jessie Wagner, Vice-Chair, 12/31/23
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- ✓ Mark Bray, 12/31/24

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- ✓ Geoff Braga, Urban Forester
- Emily Krol, Horticulturalist

## Guest

- ✓ Janet Paith

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### 1. \*Meeting Summary Approval –October 20, 2022

- Motion to approve the minutes by Jessie, seconded by David
- Approved

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2. Fall Tree Giveaway Recap

- Baylea recommended limiting the max tree size to 7 gallons as we had a large number of trees remaining after the giveaway.
- Jessie recommended logging how the notifications are distributed for the tree giveaway. Baylea shared that it was sent to our mass distribution list, posted on social media, and places in City newsletters.
- Nathan recommended reaching out to those who did not collect their trees to ask why they did not collect their tree.
- The group thought the quality of the trees were higher than usual.

### 3. 2023 Tree Giveaway Dates

- Baylea asked the group to pencil in April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day) and October 21<sup>st</sup> for 2023 Tree Giveaways.

### 4. December Meeting

- Baylea asked if the group would like to meet in December.
- David voted to cancel the December meeting; Jessie seconded.

### 5. Open Position

- Baylea announced that David's term ends in December, and he has chosen not to seek re-appointment. We have received two applications for the vacant position and will be hosting interviews soon.

### 6. 150 Tree Giveaway

- Nathan suggested asking the public what trees they think of when they picture Bentonville. Baylea shared this on social media and is collected responses. She will send an email next week with the tree types.

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