

Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board
9/23/21 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, September 23, 2021**, at Winton Park. The meeting was called to order at **4:09 p.m.**

Roll Call:

Board Members

Robin Henderson
Candace Hendricks
Nancy Holman
Paisley Howerton
Harrison Taylor

Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis
Randy Frazer
Evan Haney
Andrew Lawson
Tony Tapia
Josh White

0. Approve August Meeting Minutes:

Robin made a motion to approve the minutes of the **August 26, 2021**, regular meeting as presented. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved **3-0** on a voice vote. The only guest attending was **Rags Smith** (Equal Opportunity Board).

1. OLD BUSINESS: Adoption Request: Walnut Park (Jan Miller)

Jan Miller wants to install a picnic table and shelter in the center of Walnut Park in honor of her late husband, former City public works superintendent Jim Miller. Andrew said the construction plans and plaque design are still being finalized.

Tony has identified a possible location. Jan is hoping the City will donate the concrete at an estimated cost of about **\$500**.

Robin made a motion to recommend that the City Commission approve the adoption request, with the recommendation that the City provide all concrete free of charge. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion was approved **3-0** on a voice vote.

2. OLD BUSINESS: Set Times for Future Meetings?

The **4 p.m.** meeting time does not work Parks & Facilities staff and it won't work for Candace this fall, either. After more discussion, the Board collectively agreed to permanently move its meetings to **1 p.m.**, starting with the **October 28** meeting.

3. The Pollinator Project Report:

The Board wants to get the Wilson Park proposal back on the agenda. The idea will be discussed **October 28** with City staff.

4. Discuss Fall Cleanup Day Plans:

This year's event will focus on cleaning and assessing the condition of downtown-area sidewalks. It will be held **October 9**.

5. Review ADA Transition Plan: Winton Park

Like most other neighborhood parks, the playground and picnic area both need ADA-accessible connections to sidewalks.

6. Wilson Park Master Plan Update:

Harrison asked about the Louderback Family Courts sign that had been removed from Wilson Park. He said J.C. Louderback would like to see some sort of memorial plaque returned to that area. Mike said the sign was damaged and is gone now. The Board discussed the possibility of a new memorial on the stone pillar or somewhere on the fencing of the remaining courts.

Andrew provided the Board with a recap of his and Randy's meeting with the V.J. Wilkins Foundation. All parties agree that some modifications probably need to be made to the existing Master Plan. The **October 28** meeting will begin this process.

7. Other Miscellaneous Items:

The next meeting of the 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee will be at **noon October 21** at the Water Treatment Facility.

Harrison raised maintenance concerns at the Wilson Park tennis courts and the Agri-Business Building interlocal agreement.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved **3-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:15 p.m.** The next regular meeting of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board will be at **1 p.m. Oct. 28, 2021**.