

Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board

2/24/22 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, February 24, 2022**, at the Water Treatment Facility. Meeting called to order at **1:00 p.m.**

I. Roll Call:

Board Members

Robin Henderson (*via GoToMeeting*)
Candace Hendricks
Nancy Holman
Paisley Howerton (*via GoToMeeting*)
Harrison Taylor

Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis
Randy Frazer
Evan Haney (*via GoToMeeting*)
Andrew Lawson
Connie Moore
Josh White (*via GoToMeeting*)

II. Consent Agenda:

Candace made a motion to approve the minutes of the **January 27, 2022**, regular meeting as presented. Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote. Robin joined the meeting in progress in person at **1:06 p.m.**

III. Old Business:

Mendy Pfannenstiel (*via GoToMeeting*) gave a brief overview of the formal adoption application from Robin (LoveNJoy Girls Club) and the Arkansas City Public Library for installing a second **StoryWalk**, this one to be at **Lovie Watson Park**.

Harrison made a motion to recommend that the City Commission approve ACPL’s adoption request. Paisley seconded the motion, which was approved **3-0** on a voice vote. (Robin abstained from voting since she is one of the adopting parties.)

Andrew said Chief Burr again was unable to attend the meeting, so the **Suicide Prevention of Cowley County Coalition** (SPOCCC) adoption plan to beautify and improve the **West Chestnut bridge approach** will be tabled to a future meeting.

Andrew asked everyone to attend the **March 11** study session for the Wilson Park/Docking Garden adoption proposal. He introduced **Chris Hutton** and **Ann Patterson**, with the Cowley County Area Retired School Personnel, who want to help.

Andrew asked for some ideas for **Spring Cleanup Day**, which will be held from **8 a.m. to noon April 23**. Possible sites to target for cleanup include the Knebler Pond disc golf course, Chestnut Avenue underpass, Veterans Lake and Walnut Park.

Arty Hicks said there will be a big disc golf tournament on **May 7-8** at both Knebler Pond and the Winfield disc golf course.

Candace discussed some of the next steps should be to improve the City’s **signs** and beautify its **entrances**. She said it will take a while longer to get pricing while also trying to keep as much of the work as local as possible. This is a **2023** project.

Andrew continued discussion of a draft spreadsheet that attempts to prioritize improvements and changes to the **City’s park inventory**, going out 10 years. He said Mayor Gingher would like to see a dog park created. No location has been selected.

IV. New Business:

Other than the above discussion of the possible dog park location, there was no new business discussed during this meeting.

V. Other Miscellaneous Items:

Josh and Andrew talked about downtown visioning session from **Feb. 5** at the Burford Theatre, while Paisley described what was discussed at the smaller **Feb. 4** event. The students will use the discussions to create a free visioning study for the City.

Andrew and Paisley will work together to complete annual **Mayor’s Monarch Pledge** paperwork, which is due **March 31**.

The next meeting of the 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee will be at **noon March 3** at the Water Treatment Facility.

Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Candace seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **2:25 p.m.** The next regular meeting of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board is at **1 p.m. March 24, 2022**.