

**Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board**

12/2/21 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, December 2, 2021**, at the Water Treatment Facility. Meeting called to order at **1:07 p.m.**

**I. Roll Call:**

**Board Members**

Robin Henderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Candace Hendricks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Holman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paisley Howerton ( <i>via GoToMeeting</i> )	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harrison Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Staff Liaisons**

Mike Bellis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Randy Frazer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evan Haney	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrew Lawson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Connie Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josh White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**II. Consent Agenda:**

Candace made a motion to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the **October 28, 2021**, regular meeting and the **2022** regular meeting calendar, as presented. Harrison seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote.

Meetings will be **Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27** and **Dec. 1**.

**III. Old Business:**

Andrew said a group of volunteers is still working to form a joint committee and reapply to adopt the **Docking garden**. They also will be working on securing donations from local businesses and greenhouses to purchase plants and supplies.

Andrew said this is still a busy time of the year for Pike Construction. Carlla doesn't think they will get to the **Walnut Park** pavilion until **January or February 2022**. He asked Connie to work with Pike on the size of the pad and table dimensions.

There was a little more discussion about Rotary's plans to help to enhance the **Hike-Bike Trail Extension (Phase 2)** project.

Andrew is still waiting to hear from **LWCF** regarding **Project No. 20-00785** and suggested a future study session about this.

**IV. New Business:**

Andrew presented a draft spreadsheet that attempts to prioritize improvements and changes to the **City's park inventory**, going out 10 years. This will be the basis for future recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Commission.

Connie said he was pretty comfortable with most of the information presented, but the Board asked for a few minor changes.

Andrew showed the Board the Winfield master plan for parks, trails and recreation, which is something staff want to emulate.

Candace presented examples of City signage she likes and led a discussion of what could be done to improve the City's signs.

Considerations include lack of available funding (although there is still some Everygy money remaining), which Candace wants to address with community and club fundraising; style and size of signage; and whether to use local builders' talents.

She also talked about other possible ideas for beautifying **City entrances**, including cleaning/refinishing the underpass walls.

Candace left the meeting in progress at **2:09 p.m.**

**V. Other Miscellaneous Items:**

Paisley and Andrew completed the annual **Mayor's Monarch Pledge report** prior to a revised **December 10** deadline. They are also working to apply for seed grants, and connecting with ACHS to grow more starter plants and demonstration gardens.

The next meeting of the 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee will be at **noon December 16** at the Water Treatment Facility.

Robin 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 **2:20 p.m.** The next regular meeting of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board will be at **1 p.m. Jan. 27, 2022**.