



Bel Aire Tree Board

**CITY HALL –
SENIOR CENTER**

Monday March 24, 2025

6:00 P.M.

☐ Call to Order: Time 6:05pm

☐ Present:

☐ Rebecca Armstrong Y

☐ Hilde Yops Y

☐ Bruce Roepke Y

☐ Emily Ryder Y

☐ Jesse Miller

☐ Sharon Armbrister Y

1. Guests: NO

2. Approval of Minutes Last Meeting

a. Motion: SHARON

b. Second: BRUCE

c. Vote: ALL

3. Board Member Reports:

a. Communications-

i. Bel Aire Breeze:

1. Nick Bishop, Communications Director said they would not be putting articles from the Tree Board in the Breeze. There was not enough room. The suggestion is that we contact Chris Strunk to see if he is willing to run articles from the Tree Board.

ii. City Hall: Talked about a regular report to the Council during their meeting on Tuesday so they had a 'report'. The idea was liked. Bruce could present it on the nights he goes, we can put in beforehand our request to speak and Bruce could read our statement. We would have to have something written before so it can be read.

b. Hilde- Plaque Updates Gary Northwall: no update. Discussed walking around the Central Park area and listing all the missing plaques, then asking for replacement. We are planning to take these strolls during the summer when school lets out.

c. Bruce- City Council Meeting Report: Discussed how to engage more[see above]. Everyone liked this idea. Now figure out the steps. a



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d. Jesse-Lions

Club and Chamber of Commerce: no update

- e. Emily-Park Clean Up and Outreach: Getting this activity on a regular weekend will help. The process is pretty good and the council comes for the clean up. Most of our parks are pretty clean so expanding this to planting will help.
 - f. Sharon-Community Engagement: Many ideas we have need to be coordinated better and to figure out how to get the support and advertising will help. We discussed the support we are getting from Marty McGee and hope to utilize this more on the Bel Aire Park garden beds.
 - g. Rebecca-Progress and Events {went through the list of activities. We will table at the Spring Fest to hand out April 26 fliers. We will go get plants in Cheney anyone wanting to come can. Bushes will be ordered through Kansas Forestry. Well put the signs out on Sunday, talk with Ted and Mary for the details, buy bagels and coffee and orange juice....and have a great time digging in the dirt. Emily can stay in the play area and point to where we are planting so she can keep an eye on Max.
4. Old Business:
- a. Year 2024 in Review
 - i. Challenges: Scheduling our events is challenging. Connection with the Lion's Club will help with the scheduling. We will try to coordinate better. We need more members to get the work donw. April 8 City Council will have a workshop where they will consider this request.
 - ii. Events for 2025
 - 1. Spring Festival: Table, fliers
 - 2. Nights Out: Walk?
 - 3. Oktoberfest: Table, ?
 - 4. Park Clean ups,,,last Saturday of the month to keep it regular.
 - 5. Opportunities:
 - a. Trip to Hidden River Nursery
 - b. Plantings in Parks
 - c. Counting Trees/Pictures
 - i. Plaques replaced
 - ii. Mulching
 - d. Other



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e. Expanding Engagement

5. Adjournment:

- a. Motion: Bruce
- b. Second: Sharon
- c. Vote: All

VOLUNTEER HOURS

NAME	DATE	ACTIVITIES	TOTAL TIME
REBECCA ARMSTRONG	Jan Feb 2025		10
HILDE YOPS			
EMILY RYDER GRABER			
JESSE MILLER			
SHARON ARMBRISTER			
BRUCE ROEPKE			
		TOTAL FOR MONTH:	
		TOTAL FOR YEAR:	