

Minutes
Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission
August 25, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members Present: Thayne Bedenkop, Andrew Heckaman, Melissa Monich, Sean Creighton, Andrea Betts, Kate Miller, Todd Wales, Nancy Averett (Council Representative), and Mike Lippert (Staff Representative).

Minutes of June 23, 2021

Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Beautification Awards – The Commission voted on the 2021 awardees. They are:

230 Compton Ridge Drive
242 Elm Avenue
123 South Grove Avenue
319 Whitthorne Drive
404 Hillcrest Drive
433 Hidden Valley Lane
493 Flemridge Court
5 Dorino Place

Commission members signed up to interview the awardees and to provide short-write-ups to Andrew by September 8, if possible; no later than September 10.

Plaque Redesign – Kate presented some more options for future award plaques. One popular option was to provide a stake with a metal plaque or marker mounted on top which would include the Wyoming logo and description of award. Kate agreed to get some pricing information on options. Then, the commission will decide whether or not to move forward with changing/updating the awards. Potentially, these could be used for memorial trees as well.

Calendar Review and Update – The deadline for the MADD tree order is October 2. As always, trees will be available for pick-up at Spring Grove Cemetery – this year October 21-22. No tree availability list is available yet.

Fall Festival/Survey – The fall festival is planned for Saturday, October 2. Instead of paper surveys, the members prefer an electronic one accessed from a QR code.

The Commission generally liked our old survey from a couple of years ago, but would like to add questions regarding a virtual workshop, interest in participating in the 2023 garden tour, and composting yard and kitchen waste. Interest in a 2022 Spring Workshop will be gauged.

Green Areas Trust & Stearns Woods Plug planting – No report.

The Brad Bonham memorial was briefly discussed. Ideas included planting a memorial tree in the tree lawn in front of her old house, planting a tree/multiple trees at Hilltop park, bike trail, or other city park or facility. More discussion required.

Miscellaneous: Public Works began looking into soliciting input from UFBC for plantings at the Recreation Center and Village Green. This will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be 9/22/2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Mike Lippert