

Sept 2, 2025 Tree committee meeting

Committee Members:

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Janet Simonich
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Matt Evans
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Attendees:

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes from May 6, 2025 (does this need to be done or did it need to be done within 30 days?)
3. City updates
 1. City Project Updates
 2. Status of Community development adoption of new planting specs & inspection
 3. Code enforcement of major thoroughfare street tree care

4. Timoney street Sycamores intended to be cut down
4. Public Education
 1. Tree talks idea
 2. Fall Localscapes
 3. Draper Forward
5. Budget/planting
 1. Update on dedicated arborist role/opening
 2. Potential projects
 1. Use of private donor funds - Parks
 2. Replacement of dead trees
 3. Beautification of city entrances and street trees on major thoroughfares
6. Other Committee Business by Motion
7. Adjournment

Notes:

City updates:

- Lone peak parkway project should still happen in 2026 and no needs there
- Might look at Stokes widening that may impact trees
- New landscaping inspector - Lyndsey Greenberg introduced.
- The goal of landscaping inspections is to do the inspection BEFORE the trees get planted, but that may take some time to get the developers trained to schedule that
- May need to change street tree guide for certain trees and that can be done by resolution rather than a code change
- May need to look at some of the trees for revision - such as Sycamore that doesn't do well
- David Bernal is the inspector - in community development - enforcement is not proactive, it is reactive to complaint based
- Discussion about Sycamore tree in particular with the problems they are having
- The new planting specifications won't be implemented until the new code changes are made

Public education

- Tree talks - Jeremiah is the certified arborist who will be giving that talk - 9/15 at the Library
- Localscapes is Aug 10
- Draper Forward article announced the events
- Michelle wanted to request that Alex give a higher priority to have the street tree guide posted on-line
 - Street tree guide - Michelle requested that we get the changes approved asap and then posted asap - can post as a recommendation

Planting

- Discussion about the budget was used for the last fiscal year and the carry over budget from a donation and new budget for 2025/26
- Troy Orr, private citizen wanted to donate more
- Janet suggested due to bad irrigation that we should wait and plant in the spring
- Michelle asked if there is any type of filtration that we could do and Taylor said it is really difficult. Janet added there are ways to clean the water, but JVVCD said it is too expensive

- Janet suggested we maybe have
- Janet explained that she knows someone that has been effectively flushing specific trees
- Proposal to use budget in the spring - notify Troy Orr
- Michelle asked if we could a map of irrigation vs. culinary
- Walgreens is supposed to replace the trees
- West Valley changed code to 75% plants in park strip

Actions:

1. Michelle, Janet, and Laura to review current street tree guide and revise it and put forward for posting as recommendations before it gets approved through resolution
2. Jocelyn and Michelle to try and work with Alex to see if we can increase the priority to get the street tree guide posted as "recommendations"
3. Bryn Johnson to take Tree committee proposal for Sycamores and sidewalks to city council
4. Dave to notify Troy Orr concerning his donation not being used until the Spring