

Nov 4, 2025 Tree committee meeting

Committee Members:

David Cloward  
Michelle Coker  
Janet Simonich  
Laura Bakker  
Matt Evans  
Walter Roseman  
Jocelyn Kessler  
Josie Taber  
Chris McGraw  
David Zwicky  
BrynHeather Johnson  
Rhett Ogden  
Brent Williams  
Taylor Parker  
Maryann Pickering  
Dillon Blyler  
Lyndsey Greenberg  
Todd Draper

Attendees:

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and roll call - introduce new members
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes from Sept 2, 2025
3. City updates
  1. City Project Updates
  2. Schedule for Community development adoption of new planting specs & inspection
  3. Proactive code enforcement of major thoroughfare street tree care
  4. Timoney street Sycamores status
  5. Approval of 2026 Meeting schedule
4. Public Education

1. Tree talks follow up
2. Fall Localscapes plan
3. Draper Forward
5. Budget/planting
  1. New arborist introduction and discussion of role with committee
  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
    4. Disc golf course plans and private funding
6. Other Committee Business by Motion
7. Adjournment

Notes:

Welcome and roll call and introduced new committee member David Zwicky

Arborist will attend next meeting

Timoney street status - current residence hasn't heard anything from city and city council woman Bryn didn't have an update

Public works worked with USU extension forester for a better determination if there is a hazard. Working on not removing as many. City is working with city attorney and looking at other cities. Public works and Scott Cooley. The chair and Janet advocated strongly that we look at Salt Lake City as the model instead of trying to do our own thing since they have clearly dealt with this for many many more years successfully and Draper is struggling.

Tree talks - started late, but went well. Discussed doing it earlier in spring next year

Localscapes - not listed as a partner. Michelle to follow up

Tree talk earlier - end of Feb/early March

Localscapes for spring in Feb

Zions bank question - Michelle asked about enforcement to localscapes standard of not completely rock. Marianne responded that the plant coverage 75% after five years. Discussion was had that clearly Zions Bank was not compliant. Marianne said they did not receive an exception, so someone needs to look at what happened or make a complaint.

Ordinance was reviewed and approved by JVCW

House across from city hall is all rock and a discussion was had concerning the requirements

Discussion was had concerning localscapes and how we can promote that and specifically in Draper Forward. Discussed doing more articles on localscapes to educate the temperature and beautification and all the benefits over just rock. We talked about having photos of before and after localscapes - ideally in Draper.

Discussion about arborist role

Use of budget - discussion about the arborist helping to determine best use of funds for public owned property.

We have budget from Troy Orr that would like to see that used for a park or

Bryn raised America "250" group and an event that we might be able to participate

Disco golf course - space for more trees, but need irrigation - request to wait for existing trees to be established and then move the irrigation to new trees

Disc golf association president said they have budget that they would be willing to spend on trees for the course

Who really cares about city appearance - citizens do care, but it has not been a priority for city council.

Other neighboring cities care more - Sandy and South Jordan. Brett says we should never give up. Maybe

members of the committee and the city could go on field trips. Herriman has done an amazing job as an example.