



TREE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 8:00 AM
1020 East Pioneer Road
Draper, Utah 84020
Administration Conference Room

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - 2.a **Minutes from May 5, 2026**
3. **Wheadon Farm Park Donation**
4. **Tree Committee Duties**
 - 4.a **Plan for Inventory of Existing Trees**
 - 4.b **Plans for various public areas such as:**
 - Entrances to the city - city council has expressed desire to potentially enlist the Tree committee and allocate budget here
 - City parks -
 - potential planting project for splash pad
 - private citizen donor planting for Wheadon Park
 - Main transportation corridors and others
 - Recommend goals and policies to the city council regarding tree culture for Draper City
 - 4.c **Policies for planting of trees for beautification, noise dampening, visual screening, weather protection, erosion control**
 - 4.d **Recommendations to city council on public relations matters, including, but not limited to Arbor Day, cleanup days, home beautification contests and other tree related city activities**
 - 4.e **Street Tree Guide**

4.f Recommendations to city if desired:

- Make recommendations on arboricultural specifications and standards of practices for all trees and shrubbery on City property, and recommend standards and specifications for the work of any person or organization engaged in the business of working on trees within the city
- Make recommendations on the grounds immediately surrounding the trees and shrubbery on public property, as far as it is necessary to assure the proper growth, care and protection of said trees and shrubbery
- Make recommendations on the care and treatment of trees and shrubbery, including planting, maintenance, pruning, spraying and removal of trees and shrubbery on city property;
- Make recommendations on the identification, marking and preservation of historic or notable trees

4.g Develop standards and specifications regarding the planting of trees for new developments, including site plans and subdivisions and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding the same

- City planning to adopt the planting standards put forward by city engineering for park strips

4.h Develop standards and specifications regarding the planting of trees on public property, including size, location and approved species and make recommendations for adoption in this code

5. Adjournment

I, the City Recorder of Draper City, certify that copies of this agenda for the **Draper Tree Committee** meeting to be held **September 1, 2026**, were posted at Draper City Hall, Draper City website www.draperutah.gov, and the Utah Public Notice website at www.utah.gov/pmn.



Nicole Smedley, CMC, City Recorder
Draper City, State of Utah

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MEMO



To: Tree Committee

From:

Date: 2026-09-01

Re: Minutes from May 5, 2026

Comments:

ATTACHMENTS:

[Tree Committee Meeting Minutes 5_5_26 2.pdf](#)

May 5, 2026, Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Michelle Coker

Taylor Parker

David Zwicky

David Cloward

Josie Taber

Jocelyn Kessler

Fred Lowry

Laura Bakker

Rhett Ogden

Odin Kirkham (Guest)

Bill Mark (Guest)

Michelle Coker moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 7, 2026. Jocelyn Kessler seconded the motion.

The Committee changed the agenda structure to focus on tree duties. The first item was to have a plan to do an inventory of existing trees. There are not currently resources to do that and the city does not currently have an arborist.

The Committee spends the bulk of their time planning for public areas: city entrances, city parks, and main transportation corridors. Most of the time is spent on main transportation corridors, but this needs to be better defined. The Committee is seeking clarification about expectations from the city.

There was discussion on who is responsible for maintaining the trees in park strips along main corridors (i.e. Zions Bank). Taylor said that Parks is not going to maintain those trees. The Committee has provided specs on new tree plantings in park strips and new development should be following those specs. There was discussion on how to enforce this. Michelle said the part time landscape inspector would be the person to enforce this (via a grant from Jordan Valley on community development). David C. would like to see them to adopt the tree planting specs as part of their inspections, and prioritize enforcement along main corridors.

Action item: Develop Tree Committee duties & responsibilities for City Council to review. David C. and Michelle will work with Rhett on developing a draft of objectives and duties/responsibilities.

Due to the water restrictions this year, the Committee may want to consider scaling back plantings this year. There is currently \$10,000 budget for trees to be purchased from Twin Pines Nursery. Previously, the city didn't have the staff to plant the trees to the funding was secured but deferred until there was enough manpower to plant the trees. Additionally, there is still

\$10,000 donation money (the donor has requested that this all be used in one location) and \$10,000 Tree Committee budget for this year.

Possible locations that were discussed:

- Draper Splash Pad area: The soil sample showed high salinity and there are also gophers. Some recommended trees for this area are honey locust, bald cypress, sycamore maple, hackberry (moderately tolerant). Michelle suggesting using the donor's \$10,000 elsewhere.
- Equestrian/bike park
- Disc Golf Course
- Replace dead trees – some of this has already been done with the money set aside for the Twin Pines Nursery. The Committee budget from this year can also be used to replace dead trees. Since the dead trees already have water, this would be a better approach with respect to water conservation.
 - **Action item:** The budget with the Twin Pines Nursery and this year's budget will go towards replacing dead trees.
- Pickleball courts (east) – this is owned by the county and they would be responsible for maintaining them.
 - **Action item:** Rhett will contact the county to see if this would be possible and the \$10,000 donor money would be transferred to the county. If they approve, David C. will reach out to the donor to make sure he is okay with this plan.

Brynn had expressed that the City Council would like input from the Committee on beautification efforts for city entrances. The Committee does not currently have the budget for this. In the past, the Committee identified the entrances and led some beautification efforts of what was already existing in those areas. The new construction on Bangerter and 13800 S. was discussed and an opportunity.

Action item: Brynn and Fred will provide guidance on beautification efforts and identifying main corridors.

Michelle Coker motioned to adjourn. Laura Bakker seconded the motion.