

April 7, 2026 Tree committee meeting

Committee Members:

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Walter Roseman
Jocelyn Kessler
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Attendees:

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Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes from March, 2026
3. Tree committee duties:
 1. Plan for inventory of existing trees
 2. Plans for various public areas such as:
 - Entrances to the city
 - City parks
 - Main transportation corridors and others

- Recommend goals and policies to the city council regarding tree culture for Draper City
- 3. Policies for planting of trees for beautification, noise dampening, visual screening, weather protection, erosion control
- 4. 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
- 5. Street Tree guide
- 6. 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
- 7. 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
- 8. 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;
- 9. Make recommendations on the identification, marking and preservation of historic or notable trees
- 10. 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
- 11. 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

Meeting notes:

Tree committee duties: We discussed the first couple of duties and the notes below are listed under each duty.

Josie Taber was voted in as Secretary to take meeting notes.

1. Duty - Plan for inventory of existing trees
 1. Lost arborist - New open requisition for Tech 3 position to get experienced arborist
 2. Software - need to assess how user friendly if it will work. Previous arborist started it. It does not include street trees on main corridors. We discussed the problem of the city wanting to have beautiful main corridors, yet it isn't included in the current responsibilities of staff; yet it is in the enforcement responsibilities.
 3. Tool should be used to be proactive on tree maintenance and replacement instead of just meeting requirement of having an inventory
2. Plans for various public areas such as - the goal of this objective seems to be "beautification"
 - Entrances to the city
 - City parks
 - Main transportation corridors and others
 - Define by city council - what are main transportation corridors? - does it include park strips for residents and businesses that are responsible to maintain the

trees - if they are in the "main corridors"? Bryn to take this question back to city council and propose that we define the specific corridors that we care about keeping them beautiful in a proactive way by tree committee and city staff instead of only reactive to complaints.

- Define whether these trees on main transportation corridors are something we value
- Planting
 - lots of areas that need trees to be replaced or could use more trees. Taylor said he knew of a lot of parks that could use more trees and a lot of places that needed trees replaced
 - Laura visited Draper Park to review the Arbor Day planting site for an American Elm and expressed that there really isn't space around the Memorial, but we decided there should be space out in the grass West of the memorial.
 - Laura mentioned that many of the trees in Draper park need to be replaced - they are in bad enough condition that they won't recover.
 - In terms of new plantings, Taylor described even with arborist - maintaining is too much work for existing resources
 - Goal to divide up the city in quadrants for pruning
 - Dave spoke about the goal for the city and committee to be proactive in replacing trees
 - We discussed the use of private citizen's donation for a park and Taylor recommended the location of the children's water park next to Smithfield park
 - Discussed the same concerns of secondary water and soil as Smithfield park, but also have the additional concern of water runoff from the park with chlorine
 - Action to get a soil sample - Laura. Michelle can get it tested
 - Action to go visit the water park and other possible planting sites for this year

○ Adjournment

Actions:

1. Bryn to take questions and recommendations to city council concerning the Tree committee duties - specifically concerning street trees and beautification on main corridors and city entrances
2. Taylor to hire new arborist and assess ability to accomplish tree inventory with current software and new hire; goal to use inventory for proactive maintenance and replacement planting
3. Taylor to secure American Elm for Arbor day
4. Laura to get soil sample for water park
5. Michelle to get soil sample tested
6. Dave and Michelle to set up visit to water park and other potential planting sites