

MINUTES OF THE BEAUTIFICATION BOARD, TUESDAY, 4-13-21

In attendance via Zoom: Jana de Peyer, Chris Courville, Donna Huntsman, Byard Kershaw, Rich Csenge, Camille Johnson-Taylor at 4:17 and Matt Brown joined at 4:29.

Guest: Ryan Johnson, our Urban Community Forrester.

Start Time: 4:05

End Time: 4:40

Jana welcomed and introduced Ryan. Ryan indicated he attended SUU, and in his current position supports local communities such as Kanab with their urban forest needs.

ACTION: Jana indicated she would add Ryan to the list of invitees for our meetings and let him decide, based on the agenda, to join us.

1. **Minutes:** No vote was taken on the meeting minutes due to limited public notice. No changes to the minutes were put forward.

ACTION: Next meeting we will take a vote on the minutes of our last meeting dated 3-9-21.

2. Updates and Follow-up:

Tree Utah Grant/Kanab Center

Jana updated us that the grant to TreeUtah was approved! They will reimburse a total of \$2,624 for 6 trees. The trees will be planted at the Kanab Center in the back, and one in the front. Trees have been ordered and expected to arrive Friday May 28th. We are also looking at some larger shrubs in the parking areas not big enough for trees. Chris Courville has been working with Kris Ramsay from Kane County regarding the planting at the Kanab Center and to ensure a watering system is in place. Chris C. did not discuss mulch, as he was assuming rock would be the preference. Jana asked about the soil, Chris C. indicated it can be amended where needed.

ACTION: Byard was going to check with Joe Decker/City Mgr. about ordering additional mulch (3-4yds) by May.

ACTION: Everyone: Planting date Friday May 28th at the Kanab Center. Jana also talked with Amy May, ED of TreeUtah about the possibility of getting a grant for trees at the park next to the new grade school in the Ranchos. Amy felt it would be a great project and open to additional grants for that purpose, and would even be willing to help in fund

raising for that project! It is expected there will be at least 100 trees needed for the park. The planting for the park would best occur in the fall.

Ryan also spoke up to let us know they have grants available!

- He would be able to help us write the grant. The grants would be due in to the state by July.
- A partnership grant of up to \$10,000 could be available.
- There is a MATCH requirement by the city. TreeUtah dollars would count toward the match as well.
- There is also a \$20 per volunteer, per hour funds available.
- Ryan will check to see if the funds need to be used within the same fiscal/calendar year. **ACTION.**
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3. Articles for the SUN

No recommendations offered.

4. Elm Tree amendments on Main St.

The ailing Siberian Elms on main street were discussed next. Chris and Rich have been working on this project. The trees on the SE corner seems to be in the worst shape.

ACTION: Need to get permission from the homeowners. Rich indicated his willingness to help. Need to schedule early next month.

4. Additional items from Board Members.

A. Jana spoke to Josh about coming on the board, he declined as he is already very busy but continued to offer any uploading and technical back end support we might need.

ACTION: Please be on the lookout for potential board members, in particular, those with writing and marketing skills and the necessary bandwidth.

B. Rich noted that Utah Governor Cox declared April 2021 as Utah Dark Sky Month. That we have 23 accredited International Dark Sky places in UT, and that the industry is anticipated to generate nearly \$6 billion and support more than 113,000 new jobs in the SW.