



Tree Board Regular Meeting
February 25, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Public Services Facility – 922 N. 15th Street
Windsor, CO 80550

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

MS. O'CONNOR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:06 PM

*Work Session held beforehand for reviewing and voting purposes of posters

1. Roll Call

Present: Alison O'Connor – Board Chair
John Brown – Vice Chair
Jim LaShell – Secretary (Absent)
Sue Bielawski
Christine Ginnity
Georgene Sackerson
Lucy Thames

Brian Jones – Town Board Liaison

Also Present: Ken Kawamura – Town Forester
Blake McGrew – Forest Maintenance Technician
Lynn Morales – Horticulture Technician
Kristy Zulkoski – Administrative Specialist

Welcome to Georgene Sackerson – new to Colorado, interested in local trees, sounds like a fun board, goes by “Gigi”

2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of Items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration

MS. BIELAWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MS. GINNITY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Liaison Reports

Town Board Report/Mr. Jones

- Time off for the recent Monday holidays
- Under contract for open space north of new middle school site, 300 acres, \$21M, private land, will need to do minor improvements, but will be left as open space, closes on April 15th, originally slated for 490 homes, Town's goal is to acquire a total of 1,300 acres
- Special election was held last Tuesday – all charter amendments passed, marijuana did not pass
- Esh's is under construction
- Will provide King Soopers update next meeting, Severance will get 10% sales

tax, opening early 2027, on the final phase of capital committee goal, once finalized the Town will ask for a build schedule, 123,000 square feet

4. Public Invited to be Heard

- No Report

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from January 23, 2025

- Mr. Jones was present at the January Meeting

MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 23, 2025, MINUTES AS AMENDED. MS. SAKERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

C. BOARD REVIEW/DISCUSSION

1. Approve Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners for 2025

- Each school will be awarded a First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention winner
- Winners will be featured in the 2026 calendar, will need to consider a different layout with seven schools now, First and Second Place winners will be featured for each month, tree tips on sidebars
- First Place selections from all schools were reviewed and voted on, Overall Winner will be featured on calendar cover
- School Submissions
 - District
 - 2024 – 73, teachers, 1193 posters, 7 poems
 - 2025 – 97 teachers, 1462 posters, 5 poems
 - Tozer
 - 2024 – 330
 - 2025 – 218
 - Mountainview
 - 2024 – 13
 - 2025 – 13
 - Grandview
 - 2024 – 85
 - 2025 – 74
 - Skyview
 - 2024 – 124
 - 2025 – 72
 - Windsor Charter Academy
 - 2024 – 641
 - 2025 – 525
 - Orchard Hill
 - 2025 – 340
 - Hollister Lake
 - 2025 – 218

MS. BIELAWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE WINNERS THAT WERE VOTED ON

FOR THE 2025 ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST. MS GINNITY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS PRESENTED VOTED AYE. MOTIONED CARRIED.

2. Arbor Day Update

- Proclamation will be read at the April 14th Town Board meeting
- Seedling packaging (1,800) is Tuesday April 15th from 9:00 am -1:00 pm at Public Services Facility
- School Celebrations will be April 18th
 - Grandview 8:30 – 9:15 am
 - Orchard Hill TBD, will meet with the principal on Thursday
 - Same celebration agenda as previous years
- Trees (116 total, 22 species) will be delivered on April 17th, sale on the 19th, meet at Public Services Facility at 9:00 am
 - Video Reel with Communications is Monday at Main Park, Ms. Bielawski, Mr. Brown and Ms. Ginnity are the stars, Ms. O'Connor will provide the script
- Recognition of winners is on April 28th at 4:45 pm
- Will discuss final details at March meeting

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Staff

- Mr. Kawamura
 - Hired two part-time staff, recently lost one of them, one part-time position now open
 - Snow clean up almost every other day for the last couple of weeks
 - Magical Forrest event was held on Saturday at new location north of Police Department
 - Attended Pro Green conference
 - Blake McGrew and John Ward removed all downtown lights

2. Board

- Ms. Bielawski
 - Thanks to Mr. Kawamura and Ms. Morales for organizing and narrowing down poster contest submissions
 - Greeley Tree Conference was well attended and very interesting, people worked together to discuss many issues

C. ADJOURN

MR. BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN. MS. THAMES SECONDED THE MOTION. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM.

Submitted by: Kristy Zulkoski/Administrative Specialist