



**Minutes  
CITY HALL – SENIOR CENTER  
Monday, April 26, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** By Chairperson Gary Northwall

**I.Roll Call:**

Sylvia McCombs YES Gary Northwall YES

Hilde Yops YES Rebecca Armstrong YES Sam Porter YES

Bruce Roepke YES

**II.Guests: none**

**III.Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 Tree Board meeting.

Motion: Rebecca Second : Bruce Vote: All YES

**IV.Board Member Reports/Comments:**

- a. **Sylvia:** Bel Aire Breeze contact Taylor Messick needs information about an event in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month for publishing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. We have enough time to let him know about the presentation of the Survivor Tree to Office Virginia Crice who was a First Responder at the

Oklahoma City Murrah Building bombing by anti government domestic terrorist in 1995 when 168 people were killed. Sylvia will call both Virginia Crice and Taylor Messick to coordinate a good time to present the tree when both can be present.

b. **Arbor Day Poster Contest:** The Arbor Day Poster Contest is on for this year. Hilde and Sylvia will contact 5th grade teachers at Sunrise Academy and Resurrection. Rebecca will contact 5th grade teachers at Isley Elementary. It was the plan that was established in 2020. The plan, prior to the Covid pandemic, was to contact the schools in Bel Aire [Sunrise Academy, Resurrection, and Isley] that have 5<sup>th</sup> graders and encourage them to become involved in the competition, provide the materials for the teachers to use in their curriculum, and to guide the events.

**Hilde :** Nothing to report.

**Rebecca:** One of the Survivor Trees was planted by the students of the STEAM Girls Club and the Eco Club of Northeast Magnet High School.

**Sam :** Nothing to report

**Bruce:** Nothing to report

**Gary:**

1. Welcome to the Tree Board Bruce.
2. Arbor Day plans: Video on Facebook. Tristin Terhune created a video on the Bel Aire City webpage.
3. Arbor Day Proclamation: An Arbor Day Proclamation was made by Mayor Jim Benage.
4. 12 trees planted south of City Hall week of 4/12/2021 (6 Chinese Pistache and 6 Oklahoma Redbud).

### **I.Old Business:**

A: Sylvia will arrange a time for The Breeze to come to take pictures of the presentation of the Survivor Tree to Office Crice. She will coordinate and then notify us of the time and place. Tristin Terhune will take

pictures and record the event for the Bel Aire website. Rebecca agreed to present the tree and speak of its significance.

**II. New Business:**

**A.** Dave Leiker with the Parks Department will be dropping off mulch for the trees at Eagle Lake that ICT Trees had given us to plant. Gary will contact Dave to see if he will put mulch at each tree. We, along with the Lions Club, will mulch the trees at Eagle Lake. Keep track of your time and the time of any friends or family that help.

**B.** We walked outside to learn how to fluff the mulch and discussed the trees in the park and along Central Ave. that need fluffing. Hilde said she can take care of the trees close to her along Central Ave.

**C.** Do we want to have a table at the Annual National Night Out on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021? If so, what would we do there? We will bring ideas to the next meeting. Handing out fliers was mentioned.

**D.** Sam and Bruce ordered shirts. One hat is given each year from Tree City USA. When a hat is received it will be offered to one of the Board members.

**E.** Lion's Club gave the Tree Board \$300 for a tree. The Tree Board will give the City the \$300 to plant a tree. Rebecca suggested a native tree. Gary said he would leave that up to the City.

**F.** Next meeting date...Monday May 24th, 2021 at 6PM at City Hall.

**I. Adjournment:**

**Action:** Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Rebecca    Second: Sam    Vote: ALL Yes

Meeting adjourned at: 7pm

**TREE BOARD HOURS SINCE March 2021 MEETING:**

BOARD MEMBER:	DATE:	ACTIVITY:	HRS.:
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Gary Northwall	04/15/21	City Hall to get pictures of 12 trees planted by City	.75 hr
	04/16/21	Tree Board meeting prep	1.0 hr
	04/20/21	Video prep and taping	2.0 hr
	04/22/21	TB minutes for March. TB Meeting Prep	2.5 hr
	04/24/21	TB Meeting Prep	0.5 hr
	04/26/21	TB Meeting	1.3 hr
Sylvia McCombs	04/15/21	City Hall to get pictures of 12 trees planted by City	1.0 hrs
	04/16/21	Moved document rack to lobby entrance	0.5 hrs
	04/20/21	Met Gary and Tristan at City Hall to discuss video to go on Facebook	1 hr.
	04/26/21	TB Meeting	1.25 hr.
Hilde Yop	04/26/21	TB Meeting	1.25 hr.
Bruce Roepke	04/26/21	TB Meeting	1.25 hr.
Rebecca Armstrong	04/26/21	TB Meeting	1.25 hr.
Sam Porter	04/26/21	TB Meeting	1.25 hr.