

City of Livingston, Tree Board Agenda

A regular meeting of the City Tree Board has been scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Noon. This meeting will be held in person at the gazebo at the south end of Sacajawea Park. Social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Old Business**
 - Update on Tree City USA renewal.
 - Discuss board Strategic Plan.
 - Discuss board priorities for 2022 budget cycle.
- **New Business**
 - Discuss upcoming annual report to City Commission.
 - Membership:
 - Lisa's term ending this year. Recruitment open through October.
 - New member application: Sarah Boyle.
 - Next meeting options: zoom etc.
- **Public Comments**
- **Board Comments**

Livingston Tree Board

Strategic Plan for 2021-2026

Mission

The purpose of the Livingston Tree Board is to advise the City Commission on matters related to trees within the city. We advocate on behalf of the public for policies, funding, outreach and partnerships that promote, protect and enhance trees for public benefit.

Vision

We envision a biologically diverse, healthy tree landscape that provides beauty, reduces the urban heat island effect, promotes walkability, reduces pollution and energy costs, slows traffic and improves water quality.

Priorities (2-year goals)

Priority #1: Recommend programs, outreach and funding for establishing new trees in the 700+ vacant boulevard planting sites identified in the 2014 tree inventory.

Priority #2: Develop recommendation for tree planting at city entrances and along Park Street.

Priority #3: Recommend tree district(s) to support maintenance and planting of trees in parks and boulevards, including for emerald ash borer mitigation.

Long-Term Goals and Strategies

Goal #1: Advocate for establishing new trees, prioritizing where they are needed most, including to offset likely effects of emerald ash borer and maintain tree cover..

- Collaborate with Livingston Parks and Trails Committee and city staff to recommend trees at existing and new parks and trails.
- Recommend programs for establishing new trees in the 700+ vacant boulevard planting sites identified in the 2014 tree inventory.
- Identify priorities for trees at city entrances, collaborate with stakeholders and identify potential funding sources.
- Explore partnerships with school district to promote tree planting on school grounds.
- Promote tree planting during new development and re-development through recommendations regarding zoning, building standards and other policies.
- Consider equity of tree benefits throughout Livingston in all recommendations.
- Explore community plantings and partnerships such as community orchard, demonstration grove showcasing recommended species, etc.

Goal #2: Advocate for municipal tree management that enhances tree benefits and addresses tree hazard risk.

- Monitor advance of emerald ash borer and recommend management strategies according to best science, public input, long-term preservation of tree benefits, and city resources.
- Recommend city budget and staffing for carrying out municipal tree management and achieve Tree Board recommendations.
- Recommend new municipal tree management plan as advised by 2015 consultant report.

- Review city tree ordinance and recommend changes, including according to updated tree management plan and tree maintenance districts.

Goal #3: Expand the city's tree management capacity and efficacy through grants, city funding mechanisms, partnerships, philanthropy, and public outreach.

- Recommend grants from Montana DNRC, Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association and others.
- Recommend partnerships and volunteer programs for increasing city's capacity with tree growing, planting, watering and basic maintenance.
- Recommend options for tree maintenance district(s).
- Explore interest from philanthropic and nonprofit organizations for funding tree goals.
- Develop and recommend outreach (including social media, city website, signs in parks, etc) to inform the public of tree benefits, best practices for tree planting and maintenance, emerald ash borer, and other public tree issues.

Accomplished in 2021:

- Recommended creation of emerald ash borer plan. Provided extensive background information on EAB problem, cost scenarios for city, and treatment/replacement options.
- Recommended partnership with MSU Extension Master Gardener Class for structural pruning of young trees in parks.
- Revised list of suitable trees for boulevard planting.
- Developed brochure with information about suitable species and best practices for boulevard planting.
- Recommended new content for city tree webpage, coinciding with city's switch to new website. (Recommended with revised species list and planting guide.)
- Recommended increased city tree budget for 2021-2022 to leverage grant opportunities.

City of Livingston
Application for Appointed Office
(Revised 3/20/20)

Appointed Position Seeking: _____

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____ Signed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: daytime _____ after 5:00 p.m.: _____

Fax Number: _____ e-mail address: _____

1. Are you a resident of the City of Livingston? _____

2. Are you a registered voter? _____

3. Will you be at least 18 years of age at the time of the appointment? _____

4. Describe the reasons you are interested in this appointment: _____

5. Describe any background, experience and interests that you have which may assist you in performing the responsibilities of this appointment:

A. Occupation: _____

B. Education: _____

C. Experience: _____

(please attach a detailed resume if desired)

6. Have you served on any previous boards or in any governmental positions in the past? _____

7. Are you currently serving on any Community Boards? _____

A. If yes, please describe those boards. _____

8. Current Employer? _____

9. Are you available for night meetings? _____

10. Are you available for daytime meetings? _____

11. Do you foresee any potential conflicts of interest that you might have in executing the duties of this appointed office? _____

12. If conflict of interest arose for you, how would you deal with it as an appointed member of this board? _____

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE KEPT ON FILE FOR 6 MONTHS AND THEN DISCARDED.

Return completed applications to Faith Kinnick at fkinnick@livingstonmontana.org or drop off in person at the City/County Complex 414 E. Callender St.