

Aug 1, 2024

To: Anthony City Council Members

From: Anthony Tree Board

Reference: Wayne Dennis Grant Summary Report

On February 27, 2024 the Anthony Tree Board was notified that the Wayne Dennis Committee had awarded \$8,000 to implement the Tree Planter Box Project for downtown Main Street. While our original grant request was projected at \$25,000 (for 20 planter boxes) we were delighted to receive the \$8,000 grant. The Anthony Tree Board decided to combine the grant with our city budget of \$3,000 to get the project underway.

To date, eleven planter boxes have been installed along Main Street with a variety of tree species with a total expenditure of \$13,899.29. The following is a list of tree species utilized and their locations. Fund source is also listed.

Anthony Wellness Center – Eastern (Oklahoma) Red Bud

Commerce Bank – Eastern (Oklahoma) Red Bud

Petunia's Eatery – Austrian Pine

Bank Of The Plains – Red Maple

Hazel's Sheet Metal – Red Point Maple

State Farm Insurance – Red Maple

Mary Ewertz Salon – Lilac Tree

American Family Insurance – Bur Oak

Greene Vision Group – Eastern (Oklahoma) Red Bud

Kanza Bank – Eastern (Oklahoma) Red Bud

Obadiah's Pantry – Purple Smoke Tree

Funding Source:

Wayne Dennis Grant \$8,000, City Budget Anthony Tree Board \$3,000 Private Donation \$2,855.52.

Criteria for planter box placement was random but was designed to cover as much of Main Street as possible and to place them in high pedestrian traffic in the business community. Tree species were selected by availability, seasonal leaf color or flowering potential. All species are suitable for our geographic location and local weather expectations.

All material was purchased locally with one exception. Plant material was provided by Ron's Garden Center, construction material from Home Lumber and Supply, and soil amenities from the Anthony CO-OP. The 100 gal vinyl planter inserts were obtained at Ken Ross MFG from Wiley, Tx. Planter box assembly was accomplished with the generous help of Mr. Reed and his students at Chaparral High School and tree board members.

While the tree board was unsuccessful in its request for funding from the Harper County Community Foundation, we are still focused on completing our goal of 20 planter boxes along Main Street. We currently have 9 qty 100 gallon planter inserts in storage and look forward in completing the project as funds become available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Moyer", with a stylized, flowing script.

Bill Moyer

Anthony Tree Board