

Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board

8/26/21 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, August 26, 2021**, at Walnut Park. The meeting was called to order at **4:05 p.m.**

Roll Call:

Board Members

Robin Henderson
Candace Hendricks
Nancy Holman
Paisley Howerton
Harrison Taylor

Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis
Randy Frazer
Evan Haney
Andrew Lawson
Tony Tapia
Josh White

0. Approve July Meeting Minutes:

Paisley made a motion to approve the minutes of the **July 22, 2021**, regular meeting as presented. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved **4-0** on a voice vote. Guests attending were **Angela Bruce, Jan Miller** and **Julie Swanson**.

1. ACPL Solar-Powered Charging Stations Update:

Andrew said the library did receive the grant and is waiting for a company to remove the shrubs so the City can pour concrete and install the new tables then they arrive. These new stations will be a nice community addition just in time for Arkalalah!

2. Adoption Request: Walnut Park (Jan Miller)

Andrew put a rough sketch drawing in the packet, but plans are been finalized yet. Jan Miller wants to install a picnic table and shelter in the center of Walnut Park in honor of her late husband, former City public works superintendent Jim Miller.

Angie Bruce said her mother, Carlla Pike, couldn't attend, but has been working with her crews on the design. After some extended discussion, City staff recommended installing either an 8x8x8 or 10x10x10 octagonal or rectangular pad.

Mike said Tony has identified a possible location. Jan is hoping the City will donate the concrete at an estimated \$500 cost.

3. Adoption Update: Knebler Pond (WVDGA)

Andrew hasn't had a recent update, but all of the baskets are in now and play has started. There were some neighbor issues.

4. Adoption Update: Wilson Park (Docking Garden) / **Pollinator Project Report**

The proposed adoption was removed from the City Commission agenda. Board members were referred to the City Manager.

5. Approve Fall Cleanup Day and Citywide Pickup Week Flyers:

This year's event will focus on cleaning and assessing the condition of downtown-area sidewalks. It will be held **October 9**.

6. Review ADA Transition Plan: Walnut Park

Andrew, Harrison and Mike toured the park after the meeting. The restrooms and at least one picnic area need ADA work.

7. Set Times for Future Meetings?

The **4 p.m.** meeting time does not work Parks & Facilities staff and it won't work for Candace this fall, either. No action was taken at this meeting and Andrew will try to poll members individually to see what times would work best for a new time.

8. Other Miscellaneous Items:

The next meeting of the 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee will be at **1 p.m. Sept. 16** at the Water Treatment Facility.

The V.J. Wilkins Foundation board members will be making a community visit to Arkansas City on the week of **Sept. 12**.

Paisley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin seconded the motion, which was approved **4-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:09 p.m.** The next regular meeting of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board will be at **4 p.m. Sept. 23, 2021**.