

BRAAC Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2014

BRAAC Members Present: Bo Henderson, Melissa Picket, Barbra Wright, Curt Andrews, Anne Barnes, Deborah McDowell and Myra Scoggins arrived mid-way through the meeting

BRAAC Members Absent: Rita Wiseman

Staff Members: Jennifer Brown, Scott Fogleman, Chris Pate and Erin Kegley.

The meeting was called to order by Bo at 5:30 p.m.

Approve August Minutes – Anne made a motion to approve, Melissa seconded it and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Budget Update/Annual Fundraising Collection – Jennifer stated that BRAAC has spent \$2,780.18 on thank you notes and printing and \$93.86 on the BRAAC Truck. Jennifer added that the BRAAC Truck is in worse condition than predicted. Bo asked how much the truck is worth. Jennifer stated that the body is in good shape, but the truck itself will be a couple thousand dollars to fix. Jennifer added that it would be better to go ahead fix the BRAAC truck since the body of the truck was in good condition. The final decision that was made is to fix the truck and then observe how the truck works before deciding to sell the BRAAC Truck.

Legacy Garden Quotes- Jennifer stated that Bo, Anne, Chris, Scott, and herself walked Legacy Garden and noticed that there is a great amount of work that needs to be done, but it is too long and steep for one person to do by themselves. Chris received two quotes. First quote was either \$25 per hour or a total of \$1,000. The second quote is meant for seasonal options. \$2,400 for a fall clean-up, \$1,600 for a spring clean-up, and \$1,200 for a summer clean-up. Chris mentioned before choosing the options, he needs to bring all BRAAC members to see Legacy Garden and point out what needs to be done. Anne asked if Chris had a gut feeling on what quote would be the best option, and Chris answered back by saying he really isn't sure because neither option knows what they will be getting into. Anne also asked if the Town will financially help. Scott stated that BRAAC is here to bring a recommendation of what needs to be done, but this topic has not been discussed in Council. Anne asked does the Town decide how much money is spent. Scott stated that has not been discussed in BRAAC or Council. Melissa asked if BRAAC can contract someone for a big clean up in the fall. Chris stated that is the plan. Melissa suggested that Chris bring quotes for next meeting, one will be for a long time contract, and one will be for a one time clean-up. Jennifer suggested that BRAAC bring someone in for a one time clean-up then bring back in the winter time to discuss a long term contract. Bo suggested we revisit this topic next BRAAC meeting.

Christmas Tree Update- Bo mentioned that the old tree is still being nurtured and the new tree has been planted. Bo also stated that the new tree's initial size is 9 feet. Jennifer stated that the tree was quickly planted due to high winds, and wanted the tree to be well rooted in before the major winds began. Jennifer also stated that the big tree will have an estimated cost of \$1,500 for trimming and nurturing. \$1,000 for trimming and the trimming is not for the health of the tree, it is for the looks. Trimming will not help the health of the tree; it will make the tree look more pleasantly aesthetic. \$500 is for the nurturing of the tree. This price will include soil samples, and the right chemicals to help with the health of the tree. Bo mentioned why spend \$1,000 on a tree trimmer when we have employees that can do that. Bo stated to go ahead and spend \$500 on the treatment, and save the \$1,000. Curt and Melissa both agreed on that idea. Curt asked what the tree size will be. Chris stated that once the tree is established, BRAAC will need to discuss limits on the size of the tree. Scott stated that 12ft-14ft will be the limit because the expenses will always be the same and the decorating of the tree will be much easier if the tree is maintained correctly. Chris stated that the tree must be established before decisions can be made.

Memorial Park Update- Jennifer stated that 40 tons of top soil and hydro seed was added to the ground in Memorial Park that needed attention and we now have "baby fuzz" growing. Scott mentioned the wooden benches at the front of memorial park by the Gazebo will be taken out and trees will be planted in those places for more seating and shade. Bo asked what trees will be planted. Chris

mentioned that he will plant either oak or maple trees, but leaning towards oak trees because they last longer. Bo asked about the pricing for this project. Chris mentioned that there are not hard numbers, but an estimated price would be \$300 for one tree. Bo asked if he could bring hard numbers for next meeting.

Town Hall Update- Jennifer stated that the plan for Town Hall is for Chris to take out trees in front of Town Hall, take out all plants that are not for spring, and put in plants for this season. Chris also has rocks that he wants to put in the beds. Bo asked where the hydrangeas are going. Chris mentioned that they will be going in Broyhill Park. Chris stated that there is a big issue with taking plants out and finding an area to create our own nursery to keep these plants alive. Scott asked how big of an area do you need. Chris stated that it needs a big area for all of the plants that need to be taken out.

Future meeting/Koerschner Park & Annie Cannon Garden Projects- Jennifer stated that right now there are many projects that Chris needs to focus on and finish, and that rainy days will be spent making plans for Koerschner Park and Annie Cannon Garden. Bo stated that we table this project for now and bring it up later.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday, Oct 2nd, 2014 at Town Hall at 5:30 p.m.