



Independence Tree Commission Minutes

January 14, 2026 5:30 PM

Vaile Mansion - 1500 N. Liberty

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:40 pm.

Present: David Campbell, Darla Eames, Jim Hannah, Tim O'Neil, Mike Adams, Charlotte Olejko

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Minutes - Nov. 12, 2025 & Dec. 10, 2025

November meeting minutes were read and approved. No meeting minutes for December. The December meeting was the annual Christmas party held at Gudgell Park Church with chili and soup plus other goodies contributed by all members. Commissioner Hannah conducted a bingo game. It was a very pleasant time for all. Ms. Olejko gave a brief review of what the Tree Commission did over the past year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Legacy Trees

No new update at this time.

2. Vaile Landscape - Mayor's Christmas Tree

Mayor's Christmas tree, a Norway Spruce, will be relocated from City Hall to the Vaile Mansion grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Truman Connect Project Tree Selections

Alex Lopez, City Engineer, discussed the landscape plans that are in the works and that took the better part of the meeting. Discussions will continue at the next meeting in February. Several tree varieties were suggested. Will narrow down the list at the next meeting. There are 5 islands along Winner Road, and the project ends at Sterling Ave. Each island is about 26' or a bit more across and the length is variable from 189' to 516'. Commissioner Eames will present a list of tree suggestions for the project.

TREE TALK

No Tree Talk as the Truman Connected project ran long and most members needed to leave.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting - February 11, 2026

Adjourned 6:51 pm.