

Project Re:Code
Landscape Group
Meeting Notes
April 25, 2018

The meeting with a discussion about the need to determine if the group wants to have the boulevard as a separate requirement from any landscaping behind the sidewalk. It was determined that the group will be treating the boulevard as a separate requirement so it can be required throughout all developments industrial, commercial and residential. With the boulevard requirement the group would like to encourage planting of trees and low water use plants rather than grass.

There was a brief power point presentation showing some different landscape options that are low water use streetscapes.

The discussion turned to creating a point system to determine the applicants' compliance with the requirements of the new landscape code. The group discussed the fact that there are other Montana municipalities that use the point system for landscape compliance, Bozeman, Great Falls. An example of the Bozeman code will be distributed to the group for review to see how it is applied and can be modified for use in Billings.

One item that was strongly suggested to be in the heading of this section of code is an explanation of why we are encouraging low water use plants.

The group began will discuss the point system that is envisioned for the landscape section of the code. The point system will require a minimum number of points to meet the requirements of the landscape code.

The group will be meeting again on May 23, 2018 at 3 pm.