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**MINUTES**  
**ARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 3, 2008**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Village Green, 47 Hall Street**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Members attending were Gary Bell and Mike Neal. Also attending were David Betz, Director of Development and Rick Frantz, Part-Time City Arborist.

The following agenda items were discussed:

**Emerald Ash Borer Information & Policy**

Mr. Betz discussed the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) situation and that some day it will come to Powell. We need to be prepared as a City for when that occurs, both from a personnel preparedness standpoint and a financial standpoint. Mr. Betz handed out EAB Policies from several communities that are being utilized as models for cities to adopt. It has been recommended that cities take a proactive role in reducing their ash tree populations over time. This will make it more financially palatable for cities over the term of the EAB problem. The Committee also discussed the possibility of pesticide treatments that are available that might help in fighting the pest.

Mike Neal discussed some research that he put together regarding the possible treating of ash trees to prevent the emerald ash borer infestation. The research he presented showed that there are success stories regarding treatment of ash trees to prevent the EAB. Rick Frantz confirmed some of this research with some of his own. The committee decided to study the implementation of a pilot treatment program somewhere that makes an impact if it succeeds. One possible location is the Bennett Parkway area of Liberty Hills. Discussion ensued about the costs of such a pilot program. Mike Neal and Rick Frantz will continue research on this area and will put together a proposed budget and timeline for this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.