



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

August 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

City Hall Commission Chamber
401 S Park Ave | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Melanie Love, Rebecca Gallardo, Kim Ashby, and Christine Girand

Absent

Christina Schloot, Jill Bendick, and Steve Carras

Staff Present

Josh Nye, Stefano Alvernia, and Laura Halsey

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Kim Ashby, at 5:00pm. Quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

Approval of the June 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Melanie Love, seconded by Christine Girand, to approve the June 28, 2022 minutes. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

Meeting frequency

Staff recommended regular meetings occur every other month with the caveat that additional meetings could be scheduled should they be needed. Melanie Love inquired about how much work goes into preparing for the meetings and prefers to continue with the monthly meeting schedule.

Discussion ensued about the options available and the status quo for meetings and it was recommended by Mrs. Ashby that Staff put together options to present at the next meeting for further review and discussion.

Motion made by Kim Ashby, seconded by Rebecca Gallardo, to table the item until the regularly scheduled September meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

- **New Arborist**

Mr. Nye informed the Board of the hiring of a new Arborist, Jorden Hinrichsen, along with the fact that she is doing well with training.

- **Mead Garden Amphitheater plantings**

Mr. Nye provided a brief update on the recent planting improvements made in the area - three bald cypress, six eagleston holly, and one live oak.

Mrs. Ashby spoke on the beauty of the improvements in the area and thanked staff for a job well done.

- **Kings Way median plantings**

Mr. Nye provided the Board with an update of the ten long leaf pines that were planted in the area. Hurricane Irma did a decent amount of damage to the area so he is happy with the progress of the trees and the aesthetic they have provided to the area.

- **Ordinance Rewrite Work Session**

Mr. Nye provided a brief update on the status of the Ordinance updates. He anticipates one more work session will be necessary before staff can move forward with the approval of the ordinance updates. Mr. Nye's point of concern is the difficulty of planting shade trees with the setback allowances currently in place and has voiced his concern to the Planning & Zoning Department. There may be some language changes to assist with resolving this issue. Mr. Nye and Mr. Alvernia will be working together to revise the ordinance language to present to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mrs. Ashby brought to light that there is a myriad of issues that affect tree planting possibilities including drainage issues.

Mrs. Gallardo inquired about trees being planted in swales. Mr. Alvernia provided feedback that certain trees can thrive in swales and areas more prone to water retention.

8. Board Comments

Mrs. Ashby inquired on the progress of the mangrove that was moved to Vero Beach. She was quite pleased that the tree was able to be relocated to an area that it would be happier and do well.

She also complimented on the Run for the Trees event being a success and how happy everyone was with the selection of trees that were available to the public. She overheard a lot of positive feedback in the crowd during the event.

Mrs. Gallardo commented on the Community Canopy Program. She received two bald cypress trees and planted them along the water's edge in her backyard and they are thriving. She stated that the trees growth and development in the short period of time was impressive.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Kim Ashby, seconded by Melanie Love, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42pm