



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

May 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Winter Park Community Center
721 W New England Ave | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Kim Ashby, Melanie Love, Jill Bendick, Steve Carras

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Kim Ashby at 5:03pm

Motion made by Jill Bendick for Kim Ashby to continue to serve as chair; and to defer the selection of vice chair to the next meeting; seconded by Steve Carras. Motion carried unanimously

2. Consent Agenda

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Motion made by Jill Bendick to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Melanie Love. Motion carried unanimously.

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

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

a. Ordinance Re-Write Discussion

Josh informed the board of the history of the rewrite, any input from the board will be combined with the current ordinance that was approved by the previous board and presented to the Planning & Zoning board then to Commission for the final approval. Josh also informed the board of the proposed changes to the FS.163.045 that would ultimately allow more enforcement of the city ordinance. Chairwoman Ashby suggested an Executive Order Summary to simplify the changes.

Steve Carras recommended some literature to educate the public in the case of an emergency. Staff suggested putting this information in the Plant Guide, after discussion the board members recommended referencing the plant guide in the ordinance. It was also recommended to change the "Urban Forest Plant Guide" to "Residential Tree Guide and or Commercial Tree Guide."

7. Staff Updates

a. Run for the Trees

The Run or the Trees event was successful. Out of the 75 prize winners about 30 winners donated their tree.

b. Banyan Tree Transplant

The tree removal is scheduled to be complete and taken to Vero Beach by Thursday

c. Urban Forestry Staff Changes

Josh informed the board of the current changes within the division. Stefano has been promoted to the Superintendent of Forestry, and Josh has been promoted to Parks Services Manager. Josh now oversees multiple division such has Forestry, Landscaping, Park Maintenance and Cemeteries.

8. Board Comments

Steve Carras would like to share the information he has gathered about tree diversity

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm by Chairwoman Kim Ashby

Minutes approved the board on 06/28/2022
/s/ Recording Secretary Kesha Thompson