



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

February 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Present

Kim Ashby, Steve Carras, Christine Girand, Jill Bendick, and Melanie Love (at 5:07pm)

Absent

Christina Schloot, Rebecca Gallardo

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Kim Ashby at 5:00pm

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the October 25, 2022 Minutes

Motion made by Jill Bendick, seconded by Steve Carras, to approve the minutes.

Motion carries unanimously (4-0).

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

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

a. Knowles Ave parking lot tree wells

Mr. Nye has spoken with transportation and the plans are in still in progress but have not been finalized to present for approval. He will provide the Board with additional update as he receives them.

b. Cady Way edible orchard

Mr. Nye informed the Board that the trees that were leaning have been righted, mulch has been replaced, and irrigation has been checked. The original sign from the Garden Club went missing so he will be ordering a new sign for staff to place at the site. Ms. Bendick asked if staff could do a publicity mailing to inform those that are not familiar with the area or the new orchard of its location so perhaps they will visit. Mr. Nye stated he will look into that once the new sign is in place. Ms. Ashby inquired if staff could encourage volunteer action to provide periodic clean-up efforts on the Cady Way trail at the Orange County line. Mr. Nye will confirm the area is still within the City's

jurisdiction and assess the tree(s) in that area as well as research options for the opportunity to have a volunteer assist with periodic maintenance of the area.

c. Community Canopy Program

Mr. Nye informed the Board that the Community Canopy will be launching soon and he has ordered three different species (50 Dahoon Holly, 100 Live Oak, 50 Bald Cypress). Should all of those be claimed he will place a second order of trees mid-campaign. He would also like to schedule an unboxing event of one of the trees. Ms. Ashby inquired if tabebuia trees are too expensive or if staff prefers not to plant those because she feels they are a beautiful addition to the canopy. Mr. Nye informed the Board that he is limited to what trees the Arbor Day Foundation has available. Mr. Carras inquired the size of the giveaway trees and staff informed the Board the trees are in one-gallon containers. But if you get the right species in the right spot the tree can really take off and grow nicely.

Mr. Nye also updated the Board on the Progress Point Trees. Staff has treated them with fertilizer, poly-start, and ground-up oak leaf mulch. They have also dialed back the irrigation so the bowls don't overflow. Four of the seven trees are absolutely bursting with buds and the other three have plenty of buds but not quite as many. This was the third treatment and they will apply the fourth one in June so he expects in the next two to three months the trees will really take off.

He also informed the Board that he will be attending the Urban Forestry conference in Gainesville next week and working with P&Z on the code changes that have been discussed in the past with the goal of bringing it to the P&Z work session in April.

He announced Stefano Alvernia's departure from City of Winter Park to begin employment at Orange County in the zoning department. In the interim, Josh will be handling the tasks of Superintendent. The Board inquired if the job opportunity is somewhere they can access it to help promote it. Mr. Nye stated the job should be posted on the City website within the next 48 hours and they will begin the interview process as soon as possible. The Board asked Mr. Nye to pass along their best wishes and appreciation to Stefano and how strongly they support his work for a job well done.

8. Board Comments

Mr. Carras inquired about the trees at the corner of Norris and Winter Park Rd. as the bald cypress trees look good but the blackgum trees are not looking so great. Mr. Nye stated the blackgum trees are slow to root, grow, and leaf out but he will definitely take a look at them.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:23pm

/s/ Recording Secretary Laura Halsey