

# MOBILE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

January 27, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.

## PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

### MEMBERS

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Vice-Chair
X	Laura Clarke, Treasurer
X	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
	Cleve Formwalt
	Audrey Cunningham
X	Ben Cummings
X	William Rooks
X	Terry Plauche

### STAFF

X	Urban Forestry	David Daughenbaugh
X	Alabama Power	Blake Jarrett
X	Planning	Richard Olsen

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Pfeiffer to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014.

The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** \$11, 439.57

### HOLDOVER REQUESTS:

<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>P-2014-16</u></b> John Page 762 Wildwood Avenue (West side of Wildwood Avenue, 102' ± South of its North terminus) Request for City of Mobile to remove three (3), 36" ± dbh Water Oak trees from City property (one in the Wildwood Avenue right-of-way, and two on city owned property).</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for denial. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>John Page, 762 Wildwood Ave, spoke on his own behalf. He stated that the trees are ruining his driveway and he would like to redo it. The contractor told him in order to fix the driveway he would need to cut the roots of the</p>
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	<p>trees.</p> <p>David Daughenbaugh, Urban Forestry, stated that he believes that the two Water Oaks that are between the fence and Mr. Page’s property are not on City property. If they are not on City property those two trees will be left to Mr. Page’s decision to keep them or not. Mr. Daughenbaugh noted that the Water Oak tree that is in the Wildwood Avenue right-of-way is healthy and the contractor could come in and selectively root prune.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the two private property trees, and who was responsible for them. It was suggested that Urban Forestry could ask Engineering to determine location of the property line to establish ownership and the owner could remove or not at their discretion.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Clarke, with second by Mr. Cummings to deny the request to remove the tree in the right of way. The Tree Commission also recommended the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. the applicant coordinate all work in the right-of-way and on the private property with Urban Forestry to ensure a little damage as possible is done to the tree(s);</b></li><li><b>2. Urban Forestry to coordinate selective pruning and compaction for the other two trees on private property with applicant’s contractor;</b></li><li><b>3. Urban Forestry is to ask the Engineering Department to help determine the property line to determine ownership of the two trees;</b></li><li><b>4. Any decision regarding removal of the two trees on private property, and associated expense, will be the responsibility of the owner of the trees based on determination of the property line location; and</b></li><li><b>5. The applicant should also be advised that any and all work within the right-of-way will require a right-of-way permit from the Engineering Department of the City of Mobile.</b></li></ol> <p>The motion carried.</p>
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**PERMIT REQUESTS:**

<b>2</b>	<p><b><u><a href="#">P-2015-001</a></u></b> Carlisle Garden Development Corporation Median, Carlisle Drive East at Overlook Road Removal of one Loquat tree, (4 China Fir trees, one 3” Popcorn tree, and a</p>
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	<p>dead Magnolia tree already removed), and grinding of several stumps</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the applications had been recommended for holdover. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>Marisa Gorman, President of Carlisle Garden Club, spoke on her own behalf. She stated that they are in the process of redoing the entry ways of their Subdivision. They want to replace some of the trees and stumps with crepe myrtles and ligustrum trees.</p> <p>There was discussion about the trees that had been removed without permits and whether replacement trees should be required.</p> <p>David Daughenbaugh, Urban Forestry, stated that the Live Oak tree does have included bark but is overall a healthy tree. He also noted that there are some issues of the concrete curb being displaced by the root system; the tree is approximately 2 feet back from the curb.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Pfeiffer, with second by Mr. Rooks to deny removal of the live oak and to approve the removal of the remaining trees subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Permit not be issued until a landscape plan has been approved by staff; and</b></li><li><b>2. All work is to be at the expense of the property owners association.</b></li></ol> <p>The motion carried.</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">P-2015-002</a></u></b></p> <p>Carlisle Garden Development Corporation Median, Carlisle Drive West at Overlook Road Removal of a 24” Pine tree, 15” China Fir, 18” China Fir, and 40” Live Oak Tree</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the applications had been recommended for holdover. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>There was discussion about the trees that had been removed without permits and whether replacement trees should be required.</p>

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4	<p><b><u>P-2015-003</u></b> Grebe, LLC Attention Mike Rogers East side of North Lawrence Street, 65'± North of St Michael Street Remove 30" DBH Pecan Tree.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the applications had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>Thomas Doyle, spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated that the applicant wants to rebuild all of the sidewalks in the right-of-way along the block. This particular tree is also unhealthy.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Clarke, with second by Mr. Cummings to approve the above referenced application subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. All work is to be done at the expense of the applicant.</b></li></ol> <p>The motion carried.</p>

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mr. Olsen discussed who has standing to file an application, and if there should be notifications of some type for neighboring property owners.

The Commission members agreed that they would like to see Staff develop a policy for Property owners adjacent to trees must be party to applications and also for owners adjacent and across the street to be notified of the application.

- Mr. Olsen informed the Commission that Keri Coumanis has reviewed the Private Pruning Agreement that was presented by Alabama Power and no issues with it. Mr. Olsen then stated that with the Commission's approval he will prepare a letter from the Commission to the Public Services Committee stating that the Commission agrees to the Private Pruning Agreement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**