

TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

February 24, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Plauche to approve the minutes of January 27, 2015.

The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$10,454.57

PERMIT REQUESTS:

1	<p><u>P-2015-004</u> Jonathan C. Catanzano Median, Grelot Road, East of Hillcrest Road Remove eight (8) multi-trunk Crepe Myrtles</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for holdover. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>Mr. Olsen explained that this application is to remove 8 Crepe Myrtles from the median of Grelot Road, just east of Hillcrest Road. The Staff recommended a holdover so the applicant can look at relocating their curb-cut and median-cut. The applicant read the Staff report, looked at the site and realized that they could easily relocate the driveway and have decided to</p>
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	<p>withdraw the application.</p> <p>The application was withdrawn by the applicant.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><u>P-2015-005</u> Kent H Broom 1563 Spring Hill Avenue Remove one 22” DBH Pecan Tree</p> <p>Mr. Cummings recused himself from discussion and voting on the matter.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>Kent Broom, a landscape architect, spoke on behalf of McGill-Toolen High School. He stated that they are proposing a new parking lot off of Springhill Avenue and at this time there is an old pecan tree in the right-of-way. The pecan tree has been damaged by a vehicle and to be able to develop this property they are wishing to have the tree removed for liability issues and site visibility.</p> <p>Ms. Clarke asked for clarification that this lot has an existing single story flat roof medical building that will be demolished and it will be purely student parking for the school.</p> <p>Mr. Olsen stated that was correct and that the application has already been to the Planning Commission. He also added that ALDOT has approved this location for the driveway.</p> <p>Mr. Daughenbaugh added that there is evidence of impact to the tree, so there is a structural defect. So, in this case Urban Forestry would not recommend replacement trees because of the condition of the tree.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Mr. Plauche to approve the above reference application and removal of the tree be placed on Urban Forestry’s rotation list. Should the applicant desire removal before Urban Forestry can accommodate the request, it is further recommended that the applicant be allowed to have the tree removed, including removal of the stump, at the applicant’s expense.</p> <p>The motion carried with Mr. Cummings recusing.</p>

3	<p><u>P-2015-006</u> City of Mobile – Nick Amberger 2276 McVay Drive Remove two multi-trunk Crepe Myrtles, three 10” DBH Pear trees, one 18” DBH Cedar, and one 30” DBH Pecan.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>Nick Amberger, City Engineer, spoke on behalf of the City of Mobile. He stated that this application is associated with the proposed litter trap on Eslava Creek. He noted that there is a line of sight issue with one of the trees and a constructability issues with the others.</p> <p>Mr. Daughenbaugh stated that all of the trees were healthy with the exception of the Crepe Myrtles; they are in decline because of their age. He also added that Traffic Engineering has stated that the trees are a line of sight issue.</p> <p>Ms. Clarke stated that technically if this was a private development the Tree Commission would require frontage trees. She noted that she understood that the City is exempt from the Zoning Ordinance, but she knew that the current Administration has indicated that whenever possible or practical we the City want to adhere to the same code and ordinances that we impose on the private sector.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Cummings, with second by Mr. Plauche to approve the above reference application, subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Planting of three (3) frontage trees, species and location to be coordinated with Urban Forestry and Planning Staff. <p>The motion carried.</p>
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4	<p><u>P-2015-007</u> JubileeScape for Bill Youngblood 3964 Airport Boulevard Remove eight multi-trunk Crepe Myrtles.</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do</p>
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	<p>so at that time.</p> <p>Robin Luce, JubileeScape, spoke on behalf of the Bill Youngblood and Pinebrook Shopping Center. He stated that they have a landscape plan that includes fifteen (15) new Live Oaks with the renovations of the shopping center. In order to plant the Live Oaks along the frontage they will need to remove the Crepe Myrtles that are underneath the power lines. He also stated that Mr. Youngblood would like to relocate the Crepe Myrtles to the North property line.</p> <p>There was then discussion about concern of how feasible the relocation of the Crepe Myrtles would be given various obstacles to digging he trees from their current location. It was decided that the Crepe Myrtles would be relocated if reasonable, if not they would be cut down.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Cummings, with second by Mr. McDaniel to approve the above reference application, subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Relocation of the eight multi-trunk Crepe Myrtles to the North property line, if reasonable.2. Adherence to the approved landscape plan; and3. All removal work to be performed by a licensed arborist, and at the applicant's expense. <p>The motion carried.</p>
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