

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 18, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, Tom McGehee, Chairman, presiding.

Tree Commission members present: Tom McGehee, Burton Clark, Dr. Rip Pfeiffer, Cleve Formwalt, Van Laird.

Ex-officio member: Ron Jackson

City of Mobile: David Daughenbaugh, Theresa Jernigan Dave Roberts, Janic Terry, Bill Metzger.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2003 were approved as written.

TREASURY REPORT

As reported by Burton Clark, Treasurer, the balance is \$21,368.60.

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

P-2003-20 12 South Street Staff presented this application to remove a Popcorn Tree. After discussion, the application was approved with the following conditions:

1. Tree is to be replaced in coordination with the Urban Development Department, Urban Forestry Section;
2. Right of Way permit is required;
3. All work is done at applicant's expense.

P-2003-21 4414 Old Shell Road Johnny Mann of Jones, Lang & LaSalle presented this application to remove 3 Bradford Pear Trees because they are blocking the view of the bank. After discussion, Tree Commission members voted to deny the request for the following reasons:

1. Trees were found to be in good health;
2. There was no line of sight found by Traffic Engineering;
3. Sidewalk will be repaired at City expense and a work order has already been requested;
4. The Mobile Tree Commission has never given permission to remove trees for visibility of a sign or a building.

P-2003-22 2300 Roosevelt Avenue Nadia Fabian and Kevin Subrian presented this application to remove and Oak Tree and a Pine Tree so that they could install a fence. After discussion, Tree Commission members voted to deny the application.

P-2003-23 505 S Washington Avenue Charles and Carolyn Robertson presented their application to remove a Sycamore Tree because of damage to the sidewalk.. After discussion, Tree Commission members denied the application, however, approval was given to root prune the tree, coordinated with Urban Forestry, so that the sidewalk could be repaired.

P-2003-24 1806 Staples Road Frank Norton presented this request to remove 2 Pine Trees because the pine needles are a problem. After discussion, the Mobile Tree Commission denied the application.

C-2003-12 Government Street Widening Project Janic Terry, Engineering, William Metzger, Traffic Engineering, City of Mobile, and Ed. Chapman of Speaks & Associates, presented this application to trim/remove several trees within the scope of the project. After discussion, Tree Commission members approved the application with the following conditions:

1. Prior to beginning of work, \$3,800.00 is to be transferred to Capital Fund, Urban Development Department;
2. Specifications on Hillcrest Road Project must also be followed on this project;
3. Root pruning on the three remaining trees is to be coordinated with Urban Forestry;
4. A press release is to be coordinated with Urban Forestry, Traffic Engineering, and Gina Gregory.

C-2003-13 Claridge Road Sidewalk Repair Staff presented this application to selectively root prune various trees so that the sidewalk could be repaired. Out of 50 – 60 trees, only 5 will be impacted. A motion was made to approve the application with the following condition, motion carried.

1. Work must be done in accordance with specifications submitted with application.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING – No report

ENGINEERING – No report

ALABAMA POWER – No report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Election Committee – no members present to report.
2. Old Shell Road Project \$10,000.00 funding – project not yet complete.
3. Virginia Street Project \$10,000.00 funding – project to be complete before GMAC Bowl; staff to bring recommendations for landscaping within thirty to sixty days.
4. Tree Planting in front of John Klotz's home on Dauphin Street – Staff is scheduled to purchase tree for this site within thirty to sixty days.
5. 550 Government Street - Staff explained reasoning behind accepting \$3,000.00 in lieu of developer planting trees at this site.

6. **Tree Planting Projects - Staff is to suggest other areas for tree planing for consideration for this winter.**
7. **Appeal to City Council – Appeal process was discussed.**

NEW BUSINESS – “No trucks” sign on Ann Street. Discussed prohibiting trucks of oversized height on Ann Street between Government and Virginia Streets. Staff to write letter requesting this sign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Tom McGehee reappointed to Mobile Tree Commission.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

**Theresa Jernigan
Recording Secretary**