

TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

JUNE 16, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS

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

STAFF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Rooks and seconded by Mr. Plauche to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015.

The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: A motion was made by Mr. Formwalt and seconded by Mr. Cummings to approve the Treasurer’s Report of a balance of \$10,454.57, with no income or expenditures.

The motion carried.

PERMIT REQUESTS:

<p>P-2015-013 Mayor Sandy Stimpson East side of Burroughs Lane from Washington Boulevard running North to Burroughs Elementary School Remove eight (8) Water Oaks ranging in size from 12” to 24”</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>Matt Rogers, Burk-Kleinpeter, spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated that this project will be approximately 1,140 feet of sidewalk along Burroughs Lane; it will run from Washington Blvd to Burroughs Elementary School. In order to fit in the proposed sidewalk and stay within the right-of-</p>
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<p>way they are proposing to remove 8 Water Oaks along the route. He did note they were able to go around a 28 inch Water Oak. Mr. Rogers stated that they are hoping to get this advertised in August and start work in September.</p> <p>Mr. Olsen stated that from the comments Staff received from Mr. McCants several of the trees are in declining health. Staff did suggest to the Commission that after the sidewalk is installed have the applicant plant a tree or two if there is room.</p> <p>Mr. Cummings asked how much room there is between the new sidewalk and the street curb.</p> <p>Mr. Rogers stated that there are no curb and gutters, but roughly 15ft.</p> <p>Mr. Rooks asked what type of tree is recommended that they replace with.</p> <p>Mr. Olsen responded that they have not discussed a species, but they would try to find a species that would provide shade during fall and spring.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Formwalt, with second by Mr. Rooks to approve the above reference application. The approval included the following suggestion:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Once the project is complete, <u>if</u> there is room in the right-of-way whereby a tree would not encroach into the open ditch or undermine the new sidewalk, the Tree Commission may want to consider a partnership with Parks and Recreation, Forestry Unit to arrange for tree plantings that would provide some areas of shade for the young students as they walk to school.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Olsen stated that the State legislation that has been discussed at previous meeting has been adopted. This act reduces the number of Commission members from eight to seven; one from each council district. The previous act was set-up so that the appointments to the Tree Commission were from specific bodies recommending three names to the Council members. Some of those bodies no longer exist or their function has changed over the years.

Mr. Formwalt asked what the term of service is.

Mr. Olsen responded that it is at the Councilperson's pleasure or until the member decides to resign.

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Mr. Holt asked about a Chair and a Treasurer.

Mr. Olsen stated that they would wait until they had a full board until they held the voting for those positions.

Mr. Cummings mentioned that he would like to be the Secretary.

Mr. Rooks mentioned that he would like to be the Treasurer.

Mr. Holt stated that the Commission had been discussing the Beautification plaques and asked if they needed to wait until they had a full complement of members.

Mr. Olsen stated that was up to the Commission.

The Commission members then briefly discussed how many nominations they should have for the beautification award, if there should be any requirements and what the award plaque looked like.

Mr. Jarrett, Alabama Power, stated that they would be doing something for Arbor Day. It will be a joint effort with the City of Mobile. They will be removing some trees and trimming up some hazard limbs in Tricentennial Park.

Dr. Pfeiffer stated that they needed to look into tree planting in the right-of-ways.

Mr. Rooks stated that District 6 recently planted some trees near Hillcrest and Airport.

Mr. Olsen stated that the Tree Commission paid for some of those trees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Olsen announced that there have been some department changes. Recently there was a realignment of departments; Urban Development Department no longer exists. Planning is still under Ms. Irby and will still perform the same functions. Code Administration, Permitting and Property Maintenance will now be a part of what will be called Business Services, and will be under Colby Cooper for the time being.

Mr. Rooks asked if they still will be having a training or refresher class.

Mr. Williams stated that he would prefer to wait until Councilman Williams has made his decision regarding Dr. Pfeiffer's appointment.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 6:03.