

**Mobile Tree Commission
Minutes of Meeting
April 28, 2009**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by tom McGehee, Chairman.

Mobile Tree Commission members present: Tom McGehee, Chairman, Dr. Maurice Holt, Vice Chairman, Dr. Rip Pfeiffer, Audrey Cunningham, Mary Cousar, Ron Jackson, Ex-officio member.

City of Mobile: David Daughenbaugh Gerard McCants, Theresa Jernigan, Dave Roberts.

Others present: Blake Jarrett, Alabama Power Company

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 3, 2009 as written. Motion carried.

Treasury Report

Tom McGehee reported a balance of \$6,658.63.

Permits

- P-2009-02 1800 Gulf Dale Drive Applicant
was not present to represent this application to remove two Water Oak Trees, and his application was held over from the meeting of March 3, also, because he was not present. A motion was made to deny the application, motion carried.
- P-2009-04 1261 Winwood Drive Applicant
was not present to represent her application to remove a Live Oak Tree, and she had notified staff that she could not find a plumber in time to be at the Tree Commission meeting. A motion was made to deny the application as per staff recommendation. Motion carried.
- P-2009-05 North Claiborne Street at Bloodgood Street Staff
represented this application to remove two Live Oak Trees for construction of a new driveway for Renaissance Mobile Family Housing Project. Discussion followed and a motion was made to approve as per staff recommendation at applicant's expense, also that two Oak Trees are planted elsewhere on City right of way for each one removed. Motion carried.
- P-2009-15 3824 Mordecai Lane Staff
represented this application to remove a Water Oak Tree because of sewer line blockage. As reported by MAWSS, the sewer line as been replaced. A motion was made to deny the application. Motion carried.

Urban Forestry - Reported under Old Business.

Traffic Engineering - No report.

Engineering – No report.

Alabama Power – Blake Jarrett reported the appointment of Danny Glover as Vice President of Power Delivery.

Old Business

Unity Point Park – Staff represented this request of the Administration to the Tree Commission to amend the decision of March 3, 2009, and allow Crape Myrtle Trees to be planted around the perimeter of the park, and on opposite sides of the streets surrounding the park. A motion was made to amend the decision, motion carried.

Village of Springhill – Staff requested \$1,400.00 of the Mobile Tree Commission to fund the purchase of Drake Elm Trees for this project. A motion was made to approve the funding, motion carried.

New Business

A letter of appreciation from Patrick F. Guyton, Executive Director of The Child Advocacy Center, Inc. to the Mobile Tree Commission and Urban Forestry was noted for five Live Oak Trees planted at its site.

Nominations for tree awards

Nominations by Tree Commission members and Staff were discussed. Staff to take pictures and present them at the next meeting. The final choices will be presented at a City Council meeting in June and awards will be presented. The Tree Commission report to Council will be given at this time.

Forestry report to Council

Staff presented its report to Commission members, and this report will also be given to Council in June.

Announcements – None

Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



**Theresa Jernigan
Recording Secretary**