

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

May 2, 2023

5:00 – 7:00 pm

In-Person Meeting – Parks and Recreation Office (Downtown Mall, Adjacent to Parking Garage)

Call to Order and

Approval of March Minutes (*J. Aten*)

5:00

Staff Report (*S. Gaines*)

5:10

- Update RFP for Downtown Tree Replacement Plan – Parks and Rec has received bids for forming a plan for the mall work. Arbor Committee will work with Parks and Rec to assess bid application
 - Tree planting has been completed – 162 trees planted, mulched, staked
 - Parks and Rec will be putting out contract for watering for 2022 and 2023 tree plantings
 - Earth Day Event at Meade (with RCA) – planting of 18 riparian trees/shrubs along creek bank
 - 2 Arbor Day Events (Burnley Moran, working with RE-Leaf) and McIntire Park with DOF and CATS
 - Continued work on Invasive Plant Control/Containment Strategy on City Properties
 - Applied for \$100,000 funding program through Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission for invasive control/containment for two parks (Azalea and Pen Parks)
 - CHS Career Fair – Parks and Rec participation with RE-Leaf
 - Parks and Rec and/or Environmental Sustainability Development plans to apply for Urban & Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant funding. Projects will likely be geared toward another Urban Tree Canopy Study and/or site preparation for more tree plantings (invasives).
 - RE-Leaf is funding snapshot analysis for Urban Tree Canopy. This analysis will be using old data (2018) to simulate four scenarios. Essentially we are solving for X : how many trees do we need to plant to meet the listed canopy objectives
1. Business as Usual - what happens to the City's canopy cover if we continue with current levels of tree planting
 2. Maintain 38% - how many trees need to be planted to maintain 38% canopy cover in 30 years (2048 since the data from our project represents conditions in 2018)
 3. Achieve 45% in 30 years - how many trees need to be planted to achieve 45% canopy cover in 30 years
 4. Achieve 50% in 30 years - how many trees need to be planted to achieve 50% canopy cover in 30 years

Presentation – Lisa Wittenborn – Rivanna Conservation Alliance 5:30

Committee Reports

5:50

- Education & Advocacy (*J Sebeok*)
-Event updates and pamphlet
- Arbor Committee (*M Tolbert*)
-Comprehensive Tree List
- Codes and Practices (*V. Metcalf*)
-Module 1 & 2 Re-writes

Items/Announcements Not on Agenda/Action Items for Next Meeting

6:40

General Public Comment

6:50

Adjourn

7:00

(†) At the discretion of the Chair, public comments related to particular agenda items may be solicited at that point in the meeting.

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