

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

September 7, 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 April Minutes (*J. Pacelli*)

5:00

Staff Report (*S. Gaines*)

5:10

- Update RFP for Downtown Tree Replacement Plan – Parks and Rec has heard back from consultants regarding project proposal. The Committee will be discussing options later this month (including a start time).
- Contractors continuing work watering tree installations from 2022-2023
- Continued work on Invasive Plant Control/Containment Strategy on City Properties. The city will be hiring two separate consultants.
 - Goat Busters will be using goats to reduce invasives at Fry Springs
 - Rx Fire will be mulching and doing some chemical treatments at Forest Hills, Azalea, and Rivanna Trail (city property from Jordan Park to 5th Street Station)Parks and Rec has purchased signage and will post additional management plans on site describing activities and long-term planning.
- Inventory of tree plantings has been completed – Spring 2023 plantings had an 11% mortality rate (not bad considering the summer conditions)
- Mapping/planning for are wrapping up this week. Parks and Recreation will be putting an RFQ out this week (9/8/2023). Installations will include approximately 160 trees, with tree planting at schools (replacing recent removals), parks (Jenkins, McIntire, Star Hill, Belmont, Jordan); along with several vacancies around town
- Re Leaf Cville will be doing a major planting in the Rose Hill neighborhood (approximately 100 trees) – including Burly Middle School, Charlottesville Housing Redevelopment on Madison St, and Washington Park
- Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards will be installing over 20 trees at Rives Park

Committee Reports

5:45

- Education & Advocacy (*J Sebeok*)
 - Updates regarding canopy preservation in other urban areas
- Arbor Committee (*M Tolbert*)
 - Comprehensive Tree List
- Codes and Practices (*V. Metcalf*)
 - Tree Commission Letter regarding recent Code/Ordinance draft

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

6:40

General Public Comment

6:50

Adjourn

7:00

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