

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

November 9, 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. Aten*)

5:00

Staff Report (*S. Gaines*)

5:10

- Update RFP for Downtown Tree Replacement Plan
- City of Charlottesville awarded Inflation Reduction Act Grant (\$300,000). Still waiting for official documents confirming grant award. City Procurement has been made aware of the grant funding, staff actively discussing grant specifics.
- Contractors concluded watering activities
- Update - RFP request for Invasive Control.
- Continued work on Invasive Plant Control/Containment Strategy on City Properties. Properties considered for next round of mulching and/or goats include:
 - Upper Walker Middle School (.5 acres)
 - John Warner Parkway
 - Meadow Creek Gardens (.85 acres)
 - Azalea Park West (5.4 acres)
 - Moore's Creek Farm Park (1.8 acres)
 - Unity Field / NE Park (.6 acres)
 - Rivanna River Free Bridge (1.8 acres)
 - Quarry Park/UVA Foundation (46 acres)
- Update – RFQ for tree planting bid RFQ. Focus Parks include Jenkins Park, Belmont Park, Jordan Park, Green Leaf. Focus Neighborhoods include Orangedale, Rockcreek, and University Circle
- Re Leaf Cville will be doing a major planting in the Rose Hill neighborhood (approximately 75 trees) – including Burly Middle School, Charlottesville Housing Redevelopment on Madison St, and Washington Park. Planting will be mid-November
- Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards will be installing 22 trees at Rives Park (Nov 4)
- Parks and Recreation will be hiring Shenandoah Habitats to plant 900 seedlings at Fry Springs, Forest Hills Park, Azalea Park, Rivanna Trail (Jordan Park -> 5th Stret)

New/Old Business:

5:30

-State of the Forest

-Invasive Mailer/Information sheet

Committee Reports

6:15

- Education & Advocacy (*J Sebeok*)
 - Finish Discussion on City-Community Collaborations
- Arbor Committee (*M Tolbert*)
- Codes and Practices (*V. Metcalf*)

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

6:45

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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