

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

December 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. Aten*)

5:00

Staff Report (*S. Gaines*)

5:10

- Update RFP for Downtown Tree Replacement Plan – Contractors (Wolf/Josey) has started assessments of trees, will be reporting updates to City Staff
- City of Charlottesville awarded Inflation Reduction Act Grant (\$300,000). Still waiting for official acknowledgement and instructions
- 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 (2.5 acres)
 - 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)
- Jarman Landscaping has won the tree planting bid RFQ to install 186 trees around the city limits. 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-December
- Shenandoah Habitats will install 900 - 1000 seedlings at Fry Springs, Forest Hills Park, Azalea Park, Rivanna Trail (Jordan Park -> 5th Street) on December 14
- Invasive Mailer will be displayed on Urban Forestry Website. Will go out in Parks and Recreation mailing next spring.

New/Old Business:

5:30

-State of the Forest

-Quick Presentation - Biophilic Cities – JD

-Tree Commission Meeting Procedures (secretarial duties, minutes, zoom, calendar)

Committee Reports

6:15

- Education & Advocacy (*J Sebeok*)
 - 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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