

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

January 2, 2024

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

- City of Charlottesville awarded Inflation Reduction Act Grant (\$300,000). Received confirmation of award in late December, Parks and Recreation will be shifting gears to get RFP out to bid. RFP will include framework for the updated Urban Forest Management Plan, Tree Canopy Assessment, Vegetation inventory. Further discussions regarding training programs for volunteers with Environmental Sustainability Department.
- Continued work on Invasive Plant Control/Containment Strategy on City Properties. IFB situation with Rx Fire is being straightened out with City Procurement
- Jarmana Landscapes is currently installing trees (182 trees) . Work is about 2/3 done – will likely finish first or second week of January.
- Re Leaf Cville will be starting planting first week of January. Some installations will be completed in spring (oaks and gums).
- Shenandoah Habitats installed approximately 800 seedlings at Fry Springs, Forest Hills Park, Azalea Park, Rivanna Trail (Jordan Park -> 5th Street).
- Update RFP for Downtown Tree Replacement Plan – Contractors (Wolf/Josey) has started assessments of Downtown Mall Trees, will be moving forward with soil sampling this spring.

New/Old Business:

5:30

- State of the Forest (follow-up discussion)
- Tree Commission – Elections/Membership

Committee Reports

6:15

- Education & Advocacy (*J Sebeok*)
- 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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