

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

**April 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 (*M. Tolbert*) – 5:00

New Tree Commissioners – Introductions (5:00-5:30)

5:30 – 6:00 Staff Report (*S. Gaines*)

- Recent Grant Award – Update
- Wolf/Josey has moved to the recommendation phase of Downtown Mall Project. Recent meetings with Downtown Business Association
- Invasive Control/Containment – Contractor has completed mulching work at Free Bridge (1.8 acres treated). Parks and Rec worked with Rivanna Conservation Alliance to plant 210 trees/shrubs in the management unit
- Mulching completed on JW Parkway (1.5 acres), Oakwood Cemetery (1 acre)
- UVA's Lorax Society Workshop at Forest Hills Park – Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards/Parks and Rec
- Tree Planting Contractor (from spring 2023) will be returning early April to replace trees that died. Will plant additional 15 – 20 trees on City Properties
- Parks and Rec will be hiring Seasonal Employee (hopefully this spring). Additional interest from NDS to hire intern to inventory city trees and help with tree removal permits
- Additional interest in Virginia Urban Wood Network and increased interest regarding invasive plant control/containment outreach
- Discussion regarding Envirothon competitions among local high schools (County schools)

New/Old Business: 6:00-6:15

- State of the Forest – presentation April 1 (follow-up discussion)
- Overhaul to Urban Forestry website

Assessing Tree Commission 2024 Priorities: 6:15–

- Summary of TC spreadsheet of priorities and questions (MT/SM)
- Discussion:
 - Regarding priorities, what's missing?
 - What subcommittee structure(s), TC infrastructure, and activities accomplish collective priorities?
 - Where would you like to put your capacity/time?

Subcommittee Reports: No report-outs this week

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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