

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes

June 4, 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

In attendance:

MaKshya Tolbert
Steve Gaines
Tyler Miller
Donna Shaunesey
Woody Parish
Shanti Levy
Eric Bredder
Jeff Atewn
Holly Lafferty
Susan McKinnon
Betsey Roettger

Not in attendance:

Manuel Landau

Staff Report – 5:30-6:00 (S. Gaines)

- Recent Grant Award – Update
- Invasive Control/Containment – Update
- Parks and Rec has hired a seasonal urban forest technician (Carolyn Thanig). She will be assisting with street tree inventory, invasive vegetation assessments, and trail work.
- Interest Group working on Invasive vegetation/control - update
- Downtown Mall Tree Management Plan Update

New/Old Business: 6:00-6:50

- Subcommittees assignments finalized

Subcommittees:

Arbor:

Expanded responsibilities to include invasive plant control awareness (public information source) , preservation tree nominations, aid with tree planting and advising, and increased involvement with Arbor Day events

Discussion regarding how to increase number of preserved/heritage trees in the city (example cities, media blasts, NDS link to tree nomination page)

Codes:

Current Tasks: Determination of differences between old code and new code

Discussions regarding inclusion of Cville in Chesapeake Bay Preservation Code

Education/Outreach:

Continued discussion regarding Charlottesville's inclusion as a Biophilic City
Potential connection with PVCC in training/credentialling programs
(forestry, farming, invasive plant ecology/control)

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

- Time to start thinking toward a SOTF to send at the beginning of CFP budgeting process: what are the models, research, and priorities we need to start discussing and clarifying?

Adjourned – 7:00