

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

August 6, 2024

5:00 – 7:00pm

In-Person Meeting

Parks and Recreation Office

(Downtown Mall, Adjacent to Parking Garage)

Call to Order and Approval of July Minutes (*M. Tolbert*)

Staff Report – 5:10-5:35pm (*S. Gaines*)

— Grant Update: The City will likely decide on a contractor to develop Urban Forest Management Plan in August 2024. Tree Commission will be asked to participate in plan content and workshops associated with the volunteer training portion of grant administration.

— All operational funds have been replenished; all programs are fully funded using 2025 program funding

—Invasive Plant Control Update:

- Shenandoah Habitats has completed all ground cover installations
- Butterfly Greenway and Azalea Park West likely sites for mulching in fall

—Wolf/Josey is finishing up Downtown Mall Tree Management Plan. Presented overview/analysis of project to both City staff and Advisory Committee in July 2024.

—RFQ for 2024 fall planning will be ready for bid mid-late August 2024. Hope to have all plantings completed by December 1.

Staff Report Questions/Comments – 5:35–5:50pm

Committee Reports – 5:50–6:15pm

- Arbor Committee (*D. Shaunesey*) – 10 minutes
 - Notable Tree Tour: expanding ordinances and relationship building with CATS; trying to understand relationship and possibilities of these two ‘notable tree’ projects
 - Brief community Input update (for Fifeville)
- Codes and Practices (*T. Mills*) – 5 minutes
 - No updates: can cede time

- Education & Advocacy (S. McKinnon) – 10 minutes
 - Tree Commission Webpage: drafting updates + support needs?
 - Email list (in service of public support, meeting invitations, via TC or via partner organizations)? Ideas?

New/Old Business – 6:15-6:45pm

- Website: Discussion
 - Where will our website live?
 - Who will build?
 - Who can access/change content?
 - Relationship among/between sites?
- Email/Communication outlets: Discussion
- State of the Forest: January 2025 City Council Meeting
 - Updates: January date for presentation (with Steve support)
 - Work session, if interested (Fall 2024)
 - Write CIP Letter with request (December 8, 2022)
 - Resolutions
- Hybrid Tree Commission meetings: Vote (if necessary) on bylaws amendment

Items/Announcements Not on Agenda/Action Items for Next Meeting – 6:50pm

General Public Comment

Adjourn – 7:00pm^(†) 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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