

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

September 3, 2024

5:00 – 7:00pm

In-Person Meeting

Parks and Recreation Office

(Downtown Mall, Adjacent to Parking Garage)

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

Staff Report – 5:10pm-5:25pm (*S. Gaines*)

— Grant Update: The City will be negotiating with two separate consulting firms before awarding RFP for the Urban Forest Management Plan Grant. The City submitted its first scheduled update to the US Forest Service regarding progress thus far.

— Locations for tree installations and associated maps have been created. Planned Request for Quote (RFQ) to be submitted early September and awarded late September. Spreadsheets and map locations for installation trees can be available for TC commissioners if they wish to view them.

— Invasive Plant Control Update:

– Herbicide applications have occurred at select projects (late August/ early September). All treated areas will be treated (targeted herbicide applications) this fall with ground covers (primarily warm season grasses) also installed.

– Butterfly Greenway and Azalea Park West likely sites for mulching in fall.

— Wolf/Josey is finishing up the Downtown Mall Tree Management Plan. Will be presenting to City Council and BAR this fall. Urban Forester to begin leading walk/talks on the mall this winter and/or spring 2025.

—Parks and Recreation has created an internal group to look at CIP requests. TC will be asked for a letter of support before we submit to City Council.

—Website follow-up/options:

Tree Commissioners have expressed interest in optional hybrid/in-person TC meetings. To do this, TC will need to provide written proposal describing why the meeting is necessary and additional language regarding how the option would be presented in TC bylaws.

Staff Report Questions/Comments – 5:25pm–5:40pm (*Discussion*)

Subcommittee Reports – 5:40pm–5:55pm

—Arbor Committee (*D. Shaunesey*) - 5 minutes

—Codes and Practices (*T. Mills*) - 5 minutes

—Education & Advocacy (*S. McKinnon*) - 5 minutes

—Invasives Coalition Update

New/Old Business – 5:55pm-6:30pm

—TC/PC Fall Work Sessions with PC and/or CC?

– Taking recommendations to workshop with PC/CC

– Steep Slopes Waiver Requests/Discretion (City is not denying Waiver Requests)

– Citywide Tree Removal Permits and Tree Preservation

– Are we doing everything we can (legally) to preserve trees?

– What legal things are we **already** doing?

– What legal things are we **not** doing?

– What are we curious about, that we don't know the legality of?

General Public Comment – 6:30pm

Maya Claggett, NDS: Presentation to Tree Commission – 6:30-6:55

— Share out + brief discussion/questions (*Please read attached file before the meeting*)

Items/Announcements Not on Agenda/Action Items for Next Meeting – 6:55pm

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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