

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

October 1, 2024

5:00 – 7:00pm

In-Person Meeting – Parks and Recreation Office (Downtown Mall, Adjacent to Parking Garage)

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

5:00–5:10

Staff Report (*S. Gaines*)

5:10–5:30

- Update RFP for Downtown Tree Replacement Plan – Plans are moving forward with financing. First projects will be making fountains accessible and 3dr street (side street).
- City of Charlottesville awarded Inflation Reduction Act Grant. City Staff is in active negotiations with winning bidder.
- Continued work on Invasive Plant Control/Containment Strategy on City Properties. Properties considered for next round of mulching and/or goats include:
 - Butterfly Greenway (12.56 acres)
 - Meadow Creek Disc Golf (4.32 acres)
 - Sherwood Road entrance to Green Leaf Park (.5 acres)

- Charlottesville Invasive Plant Partnership will be targeting 5 neighborhoods/HOAs in Charlottesville – details in Education/Outreach
- RFQ to install 153 trees around the city limits, focus on Rights of Way, highway interchanges

ReLeaf Cville will be doing a major planting in the Woolen Mills – Will be planting 20-30 trees in Riverview Park, Meade Park, and ROWs in the Woolen Mills neighborhood.

- Charlottesville Parks and Recreation awarded “Best New Environmental Sustainability Initiative” project/award at the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Conference – this was for the forest restoration/invasive control projects on city property.

Discussion on Staff Report

5:30–5:40

New/Old Business:

5:40–5:50

- Work Session: Waiting for Sanders response
- Brian Pinkston: Opportunities for connection?

Committee Reports + Action Items

5:50–6:50

- Arbor Committee – 20 minutes
 - Tree Conservation: spreadsheet follow-up
 - Resolution for all public trees to have preservation status; Do we revise ordinance to include all public trees, add “all city trees” to NDS updates
 - In discussions with Fifeville leadership team about tree talks, no updates

- Codes and Practices – 20 minutes
 - Work session: updates
 - Stormwater fee discussion
- Education & Advocacy – 20 minutes
 - CHIPP Coalition update
 - Website
 - General feedback on current draft
 - Are pages/categories useful?
 - Direct requests to Steve/Nathan?

Items/Announcements Not on Agenda/Action Items for Next Meeting **6:45–6:50**

General Public Comment **6:50**

Adjourn **7:00**

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