

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

February 4th, 2025

5:00–7:00pm

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

Call to Order and Approval of December Minutes (S. McKinnon) 5:00–5:05pm

Staff Report and Discussion (S. Gaines) 5:05–5:25pm

- Next Steps for Restorations (Rx Fire):
 - Seeding and pre-emergent herbicides applied late winter/early spring at Tonsler Park hillside (behind baseball field, approx. 1.5 acres), slopes along JW Parkway (Bradford pears), Park Street bridge.
 - Pollinator plots drilled/seeded along JW Parkway early spring (between railroad and JW Parkway).
- RFQ to install 133 trees around the city limits, focus on Rights-of-Way and highway interchanges. Installations scheduled to conclude by Feb 1 (potential extension due to inclement weather).
- Eocene Staff visiting week of Feb 4th.
- Downtown Mall Tree Pruning has concluded.
- Urban Forestry to hire a new seasonal technician spring 2025.
- CHIPP Announcements.

New/Old Business

- **Eocene Environmental Group Briefing (Liz Lingo) 5:25-5:40**
Introduction to Eocene Environmental Group, the work done so far on the grant, and the role of the Tree Commission.
- **Rivanna Conservation Alliance Updates 5:40-6:00**
(Jean Lea Gazin and Bailey Pleasant)
Updates on the Riverview Park Restoration Project and the Forest Health and Resilience Project
- **Debriefing and Takeaways on the State of the Forest Presentation (All) 6:00-6:15**

Committee Reports

- **Ad hoc Committee on Bylaws** (B. Roettger, T. Miller, M. Tolbert) **6:15-6:20**
 - Revisions and vote

Commission Planning Items**6:20-6:35**

- Sign-up for secretary
- General suggestions for broader themes/aims for the year

Committee Break-out Session**6:35-6:50**

- Confirmation of membership and chairs
- Discussion of priorities for the year

Lightning Round Committee Break-out Report**6:50-6:55****General Public Comment****6:55****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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