

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

March 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 January Minutes (S. McKinnon)

5:00–5:05

Staff Report and Discussion (S. Gaines)

5:05–5:25

- Next Steps for Restorations (Rx Fire) to be completed by mid-March
 - 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 Feb 28th. Watering for installed trees will likely begin in May (hot weather depending).
- Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards to plant 20-25 trees in McIntire Park (March 22).
- IRA Grant – Eocene is working through first phase of the grant. The first phase focuses on canopy analysis, community engagement, and logistics for vegetation analysis.
- Parks & Recreation removed 10 Zelkova trees along West Main Street. Operations also included pruning of additional 12 trees. Staff is working with Public Utilities and Public Works to grind stumps and have plans for trip hazard mitigation first week of March. Further planning for street trees along W Main will be a spring task.
- Urban Forestry to hire a new seasonal technician spring 2025.
- CHIPP Announcements.

Introduction of New Commissioners

5:30-5:50

Hannah Brown (officially beginning February 19)

Meredith Keppel (officially beginning April 1)

Eric Breeder (continuing, new term beginning April 1)

Clarification and specification of LINR appointment

Commission Planning Items	5:50-6:05
• Sign-up for secretary • Suggestions for broader commission priorities/themes/goals for the year	
Committee Break-out Sessions	6:05-6:35
• Confirmation of membership and chairs • Discussion of committee priorities for the year	
Committee Break-out Reports	6:35-6:55
General Public Comment	6:55-7:00
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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