

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

April 1, 2025

5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

Call to Order and Approval of March Minutes (*S. McKinnon*) 5:00-5:05

Introduction of New Member: Meredith Keppel 5:05-5:15

Staff Report and Discussion (*S. Gaines*) 5:15-5:40

Eocene Update

- Vegetation Analysis will be starting in April, mailings to private landowners went out week of March 24.
- Starting to get preliminary data and baseline comparisons to previous studies from Tree Canopy Analysis (those reports can be made available to Commissioners).
- Conservation Vulnerability Analysis: methods for analysis are being discussed by staff and statistics specialists at Eocene.

Tree Planting Update

- All tree installations have been completed by contractor. Watering will likely begin in May.

Invasive Plant Control Update:

- All seeding has been completed. Follow-up foliar applications/chemical treatments will resume this summer on all managed tracts (except Free Bridge).

Urban Forestry Technician

- Position has been posted. The plan is to have technician onboard by May.

Downtown Mall Tree. Study Summary

- Wolf/Josey has finished the Downtown Mall Tree Study Summary (100 copies). It will be available for public (currently copies at City Hall, Parks and Recreation, Downtown Businesses).

New/Old Business 5:40-5:50

- ***Update on LINR Seats on the Tree Commission and New Elections***

- <https://charlottesville.org/Jobs.aspx?Uniqueld=98&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=Tree-Commission-24>
- ***New Information on the Tree Stewards Seat on the Tree Commission***

Priority Proposals **5:50-6:40**

- Urban Forester (*S. Gaines*)
- Arbor Committee (*M. Tolbert*)
- Codes and Practices Committee (*J.D. Brown*)
- Education & Advocacy (*E. Bredder*)

General Discussion of Priorities and Action Items **6:40-6:55**

Items/Announcements Not on Agenda
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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