

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

May 6, 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 April Minutes (*S. Levy*)

5:00-5:05

Staff Report and Discussion (*S. Gaines*)

5:05-5:40

Urban Forest Management Plan Update

- The IRA Grant has been terminated under new mandates from Washington. The city is working with Eocene to finish data acquisition with regard to the Tree Canopy Analysis, Vegetation Inventory, and Street Tree Inventory. These reports will be paid for with City funds and treated as separately purchased projects.
- Several entities/cities/NGOs that either received or administered funding (IRA funds directed toward Climate Change Mitigations) and had grants recently terminated are in the process of appeal.
- The City of Charlottesville hopes to finish the work that was started with Eocene and produce a quality Urban Forest Management Plan in the near future.

Invasive Plant Control Update

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

Urban Forestry Technician

- Position has been re-posted. The plan is to have a new technician onboard by late May.

Garrett Street Tree Removal

- One of the Garrett Street Trees was damaged during recent utility work. The tree has been scheduled for removal on April 25.
- CATS, ReLeaf CVille, and RCA are interested in pursuing avenues for code change in regard to Tree Preservation.

New/Old Business

5:40-6:30

- Updates on Tree Commission Positions (*S. Levy*)
 - Update on LIN position and discussion of recruitment plans
 - Update on Tree Steward position
 - New openings
- Franklin Street Floodplain Fill Project (*S. Levy*)
 - As possible example of vulnerable areas in need of protection
- Review of Garrett Street Tree Letter (*S. Levy*)
 - Discussion, comments, edits
- Preparations for TC meeting with Utilities on stormwater proposal: May 16
(*J.D. Brown, T. Miller, B. Roettger*)

Committee Reports**6:30-6:45**

- Arbor Committee (*M. Tolbert*)
- Codes & Practices Committee (*J.D. Brown*)
- Education & Advocacy Committee (*E. Bredder*)

General Discussion of Commission Wide Priorities**6:45-6:55****Items/Announcements Not on Agenda****General Public Comment****6:55-7:00****Adjourn****7:00**

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