

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

July 1, 2025/ 5:00 – 7:00 pm

In attendance:

Commissioners:

Tyler Miller
MaKshya Tolbert
Hannah Brown
Woody Parrish
Betsy Roettger
Shanti Levy
Susan McKinnon
Steven Gaines

Visitor:

Tristan Cleveland, Charlottesville resident, landscape architect – visitor, interested in becoming a tree commissioner.

- Meeting Called to order at 5:09
- June minutes approved.
- Staff Report and Discussion
 - Urban Forest Management Plan – has been completed
 - Invasive Plant Control Update - Foliar applications on all restoration units have been completed, with a couple more treatment areas before resuming forest mulching and some chemical treatments in fall 2025
 - Urban Forestry Technician – Brenna Hendrix, graduate student from VCU.
- Garrett and Second Street Updates
 - Parks and Recreation (in cooperation with ReLeaf Cville, UVA School of Architecture, and Piedmont Housing Alliance) has hired Keith Pitchford to assist with Tree Preservation planning for the Kindewood Redevelopment Project.
 - NDS to meet with Steve and JD with regard to tree preservation measures.
- Microsoft Teams set up in progress, Steve will be uploading materials.
- Tree Commission Recruitment – Flyer has been sent to members of the city staff. Members will send flyer out to additional connections and neighborhood contacts.
- Garrett Street Tree Letter update. SM has followed up via email with City Councilors to determine how to integrate TC recommendations from letter with city decision-making process in advance of November legislative proposals. JD and codes committee plan to work in August on advancing proposals regarding tree preservation. Meeting scheduled with Kellie Brown (NDS) for September, intent to collaborate with her about realistic goals-setting.
- SG writing to Nathan to request that updated SOTF be added to the website
- Committee Reports
 - No news from Arbor Committee and Codes & Practices Committee

- Update from Education & Advocacy Committee on CHIPP activities – after a year of work, survey of significant progress and discussion of next steps.
- Discussion of Draft Eocene report. Members to share comments with Steve in advance of his upcoming meeting with Eocene.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:10