

# CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2025

5:00 – 7:00 pm

## In-Person Meeting – Parks and Recreation Office

### Commissioners in attendance:

Susan McKinnon, Chair

Shanti Levy, Vice Chair

JD Brown

Hannah Brown

Worthy Martin

Woody Parrish

Betsy Roettger

Shea Wales

MaKshya Tolbert

### Commissioners not in attendance:

2 vacant positions

Tyler Miller

### City:

Steve Gaines - Urban Forester, Charlottesville Parks and Rec

### Call to Order (*S. McKinnon*)

### Approval of November Minutes

- December minutes approved

### Staff Report and Discussion (*S. Gaines*)

#### ***Urban Forest Management Plan – Update***

- Parks and Recreation will continue working with Eocene Environmental Consultants to compose an up-to-date Urban Forest Management plan

#### ***Invasive Plant Control Update***

- Rx Fire continuing treatments on all management units
- Tree seedling installations late mid-January (a few hundred)
- Pollinator installations in late January

#### ***Downtown Mall Trees***

- Parks and Recreation will be performing annual tree work, scheduled start dates Jan 5 – Jan 16
- Need for implementation funding for mall tree plan
  - Will include need for funding in SOTF report
  - Exploration of role of TC in researching funding opportunities – potentially in concert with downtown mall associations

## **New/Old Business**

### ***Administrative Updates and Discussion***

- Update on Recruitment Efforts (*S. McKinnon and H. Brown*)
  - Flyer created for circulation – deadline for new applications is Feb 1
- Assignments and timeline for the SOTF Report (*All*)
  - SOTF report will be presented to city council on April 20

### ***Initiatives Discussions***

- Presentation and Discussion of Tree Preservation Packet (*J.D. Brown, S. Gaines*)
  - Creation in spring 2026
- Presentation and Discussion of Canopy Collective priorities (*S. Levy and all*)

### **General Public Comment**

- No public comment

**Adjourn**

**7:00**