

## CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

March 3, 2026

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

Betsy Roettger

Woody Parrish

MaKshya Tolbert

Shea Wales

#### Commissioners not in attendance:

2 vacant positions

Tyler Miller

#### City:

Steve Gaines - Urban Forester, Charlottesville Parks and Rec

#### Call to Order

5pm

#### Approval of February Minutes

- February minutes approved

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

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

- Parks and Recreation – Work continues with Eocene, projected completion by August 2026
- Public survey to steer the objectives of the plan
  - Using 3-30-300 rule as an approach to guide questions
  - Administered by NDS

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

- Rx Fire to finish spring treatments by March 15. Chemical treatments on all tracts will resume in late spring/early summer.

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

- All the Downtown Mall Oaks will be receiving a soil drench to improve vigor this March.

## **New/Old Business**

### ***Administrative***

- Betsy Roettger has been appointed as a Parks and Rec Commissioner
- Update on New Commissioner Recruits
  - 5 new Tree Commissioners have been appointed
- Archiving the last three years
  - Minutes
  - Letters from Tree Commission
  - State of the Forest reports
- April meeting may be canceled
  - Spring break conflicts for a number of commissioners
  - Onboarding for 5 new commissioners
- Nominations for recommended officers for next year (officer slate to be confirmed at the May 2026 meeting)
  - Shanti Levy as Chair
  - Hannah Brown as Vice Chair
  - An incoming commissioner will be asked to fill the role of Secretary

### ***State of the Forest Draft Discussion***

- Revisions and additions
- Photographs and other images
- PowerPoint for meeting
- Tasks and timeline
- Presentation of SOTF is tentatively scheduled for April 20 city council meeting

**Adjourn**

**7:05**