

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2025
5:00 – 7:00 pm

In-Person Meeting – Parks and Recreation Office

Commissioners in attendance:

Shanti Levy, Chair
Beth Mizell
Woody Parrish
Helen Snyder
Roger Gettig
Jordan Hackworth
Worthy Martin
Shea Wales
Betty Roettger

Commissioners not in attendance:

Hannah Brown, Vice Chair
Jonathan Rice

City:

Steve Gaines - Urban Forester, Charlottesville Parks and Rec
Tyler – Forestry Intern

Member of the public:

Ruth Shatkay

Call to Order (*Shanti Levy*)

Approval of June Minutes

- May minutes approved

Staff Report and Discussion (*S. Gaines*)

5:05-5:30

1. Urban Forest Management Plan – Update

- Discussion of plan composition. Eocene expects to have the document prepared by late Summer/early Fall 2026.
- Discussion of tree equity score (applicable towards decisions of where to plant trees)

2. Invasive Vegetation Control/Containment

- Rx Fire (City contractor) will be performing stem treatments and foliar treatments at all restoration sites this growing season – late May-late June (weather depending). Will repeat process in Fall 2026 (October-November)
- Temperature restrictions on treatments
- Review of seedlings and replacement of tubes to be performed

3. Azaela Springs Development Discussion

- Discussion of development status
- Request for Oak Bradshaw to attend the next tree commission meeting

New/Old Business

1. Administrative Updates (S. Levy, S. Gaines)

5:30 – 6:55

- Discussion of platforms, communication strategies, knowledge sharing, and file storage for commissioners.
- Discussion of cadence of full commission meetings versus working groups. Discussion of changing the start time of meetings to 5:30.

2. Comprehensive Tree List (S. Gaines)

- Discussion of the comprehensive tree list and required edits.
- Discussion of most appropriate and effective categories for the Tree List
- Strategizing for information organization and public interaction with Tree List

3. FY2026 Initiatives

- Codes Working Group - Discussion

General Public Comment 6:55-7:00

None

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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