

**CITY OF BILOXI
TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes
September 10, 2018**

Members in attendance: Robin Rodolfich (1); Tracy Wyman (2), Matt Dubaz (3), Geneva Dummer (4); Carroll Campbell (5), Matt Dubaz (3), Bernie Marinovich (6), Brian Lamar (7)

City Council Representation: None

Public Representation: None

I. Call to Order 4:00 p.m.

II. August 2018 Minutes. Tracy Wyman read the August 2018 minutes and minor corrections were made. Matt Dubaz motioned the August 2018 minutes be approved as read. Robin Rodolfich second the motion. Motion carried.

III. Ongoing Business:

A. Action Tracking

1. Ward representatives noted progress, issues, and updates noted during the month's observations and public meeting attendance as summarized here:

ACTIVE UPDATES:

- a) Proposed Waffle House @ Dukate / Awaiting site plan from City Arborist (CC).
- b) Hilton Gardens / TC should watch for landscape plan for inclusion of mitigation. Stockpiling under tree canopy is still a problem (CC).
- c) End of Oak Lawn Lane off Exit 41 / BL requested review of permit. CA stated he had knowledge of a couple trees being removed and would make a site visit to confirm. BL will follow-up.
- d) Blake Assisted Living / TC received landscape plan. BM will follow-up regarding compliance as to mitigation.
- e) Fun Time USA / Site visit outstanding.
- f) Pedestrian Overpass on Hwy 90 / TC should continue to watch to ensure placement/construction protects the live oak in question. CC will follow-up.
- g) Biloxi Beach RV Resort, 205 Veterans Blvd / An updated tree survey and site plan was requested. TC is awaiting these documents to reschedule site visit.
- h) 400 Block of Linda Drive / 3 trees were removed, CA needs address to investigate. MD will get the address to CA.
- i) Vista Fire Station / Stockpiling under tree canopy. CA will ask Director of CD to address this with public works.
- j) Keesler Gate Expansion / BL/RR will speak with arborist regarding mitigation.
- k) Caterpillar Development Center / Developer plans to plant mitigation trees @ community center. TC should follow-up/watch.
- l) Treasure Bay Casino / Site visit needed to determine whether 2 water oaks slated for removal are health. If so, these require mitigation.

NO NEW ITEMS WERE ADDED TO ACTIVE.

CLOSED UPDATES (1 MOVED):

- a) North Oak Lawn Lane / Tree was damaged in a storm.

LONG RANGE TRACKING / MITIGATION (1 MOVED):

- a) Old Wal-Mart on Pass Road / Bald Cypress in parking lot are not healthy. CA has not been able to contact owner. TC will watch, and move this item to Long-Term Tracking.
2. Site Visits- 2 Site visits were made during the month regarding the Pedestrian Overpass, and the Biloxi Beach RV Resort. Tree Review recommendations for all properties reviewed will be published on the City of Biloxi / Tree Committee web page.
3. Education / Communications update. Brian Lamar will lead a talking points discussion via email regarding a media piece on the current activities of the Tree Committee. Once talking points are developed, the City's public affairs office will be consulted before any publication.

IV. Current Business

- A. Tracy Wyman led the review of the LDO Draft Summary of Intentions and Sample Revisions to reflect intentions. The committee reviewed and commented on the draft LDO summary of intentions and revised sections. The working document is still in process. Committee members are to review and redline with their comments by Friday, September 28, 2018 for final review in the October Tree Committee Meeting.
- B. All committee members are to submit their recommendations for mitigation locations within their Ward no later than Friday, September 28, 2018. This list can be added to later, but will give us a base working document.
- C. Utilities Pruning Documentation Update. Carroll Campbell will pictorially document severe tree trimmings, as identified or reported. Committee members are to get location of specific trees to be documented to Carroll no later than Friday, September 28, when the year-long study will begin. Mississippi Power has stated they abide by ANSI standards, and the trees tend to recover well. The study will access growth at 3 month intervals. The study will either validate that, or give cause for action or training.
- D. ANSI Standards & Mississippi Power Specifications were shared with the group and will remain available for self-education/review at the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio.

V. Meeting Adjournment: Estimated at 5:40 p.m.