

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Andrew Gilich
Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development
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From: City of Biloxi Tree Committee
Carroll Campbell, Chair (5)
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Date: October 2, 2018

Re: Case No. TR-003 — Biloxi Beach RV Park represented by Terry Moran

Applicant Terry Moran on behalf of Biloxi Beach RV Park has asked the Planning Commission to consider an application to remove more than one-hundred (100) protected trees to construct a New RV Park upon property identified as 289 Veterans Avenue. The Biloxi Tree Committee has reviewed this application, and we have the following recommendations:

1. Permit trees on the north end of the site for removal as per the attached diagram (Red X = remove; Green enclosure = protect)
2. The Tree Committee received a copy of the wetlands removal / mitigation permitting documents by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, attached, which indicates that the number of trees under the City's purview is greater than earlier stated. Due to the broad sweep of trees and vegetation proposed for removal beyond what has been approved by the ACE for wetlands mitigation, and considering that the trees within these areas are not individually identified on the site plan as is required by the LDO, the Tree Committee recommends
 - a. Option 1—that the Applicant be required to replace the identified trees at a rate of 6:1 with Live Oaks, Southern Magnolia, and Bald Cypress, rather than the normal LDO stipulation of 3:1.
 - b. Option 2-- that the Applicant be required to provide a complete and accurate survey documenting all trees to be removed and mitigated for, as required by LDO, before receiving the permit.
3. The Tree Committee requests that any trees within designated wetlands that can be protected, should be protected and retained, particularly if they can be retained to enhance any of the planned RV slots.

4. Reduce RV parking spaces to allow for the protection of all trees enclosed in green (please see attached diagram). This would require space #'s 75, 76, 77, & 76 to be eliminated from the plan, or utilized as green space / park space.
5. Regarding space #'s 84 & 85, allow these spaces only if tree roots can be guaranteed to not be compromised.
6. Tree Committee requests information / results of tree mitigation plantings and location/use of wetland mitigation site. This information will aid the Tree Committee in documenting mitigation and serve as a public relations tool, providing relevant information of interest to the public.
7. The City should require the Applicant to provide a plan for tree protection during construction.