

CITY OF BILOXI

TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Gulf Coast Community Design Studio (769 Howard Avenue, Biloxi)
Time: 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 11, 2019

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

Members present: Robin Rodolfich (1), Tracy Wyman (2), Matt Dubaz (3), Geneva Dummer (4); Carroll Campbell via phone (5); Beau Blalock (6);

Ward 7 was not represented.

No members of the public at large were present.

II. Minutes for August and September were reviewed by all Committee members via email, and approved by all.

III. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking

- No updates other than the following items which were ADDED:
- New Items:
 - 1) Robertson & Bayly / Mausoleum Property (Hearing was 2017, add to Mitigation Tracking)
 - 2) Robertson & Azalea, WATCH for tree health and that decided actions are taken (remove fill dirt to original grade; root prune, curb, widen street by relocating utility pole on opposite side of street). Walt Rhoads said he would contact us with date of excavation.

B. Site Visits & Recommendations (5 minutes)

- Bertucci (pending tree inventory); up for DRC resubmission 11/13/2019
- Woolmarket Community Center (Carroll will schedule a site visit)
- Eagle Point (Carroll will follow-up). Trees were cut for a subdivision, no TC oversight occurred.

C. PR / Communications

- Chairperson Report: Robin Rodolfich
Carroll will meet with Robin to discuss possibilities; Consider Gary Bachman regarding articles publications or video.
- Robin will be handing out Tree Committee info brochures at DRC meetings.
- Encourage developers to use the MDEQ Stormwater Point System which incentivizes tree planting for stormwater drainage.
- Encourage developers to consider the *Sustainable Design* principles outlined in the Biloxi LDO.

D. Majestic Tree Program

- Chairperson Report: Geneva Dummer

Began research on BSL program, and will draft a proposed plan for our program to present at December meeting.

E. City Beautification Program

- Chairperson Report: Tracy Wyman
- Will conduct research on similar programs and report at December meeting, along with a base map where the Committee can begin to identify potential beautification sites.

VI. Current Business

- A. The Semi-Annual Council Report was shared with all.
- B. Open Positions: Ward 7. CCarroll has been reaching out to the Mayor. Matt will do so again.
- C. Mitigation Tracking & LDO Progress; Eric sent LDO verbiage and we have never read it. TC will review and respond this month. Geneva forwarded to all. Next month: add to agenda discussion on this verbiage.
- D. Committee Member Needed: responsible to log permits & mitigation requirements. New member Beau Blalock (6) has taken on this responsibility. Tracy will send Excel spreadsheet to Beau; Carroll will invite him / share drop box access.

VII. New Items

- A. Mitigation Sites List. Add Eagle Point Park to our Mitigation Locations List, and possibly Popp's Ferry Elementary. Pursue getting List of Mitigation Locations onto City Website. (Tracy)
- B. Inquire with the City regarding plans for Barhonivich Park (Circle Park); (Carroll)
- C. D. October Report is not yet on City website. Resubmit (Tracy).

VII. Meeting Adjourned: Estimated at 4:50 p.m.