

CITY OF BILOXI

TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2020

- I. Call to Order 4:00 p.m.
Members present: Tracy Wyman (2), Geneva Dummer (4); Carroll Campbell (5); Beau Blalock (6); Pam Barlow (7); Robin Rodolfich (1)
- II. Minutes. February 2020 minutes were reviewed via email. A motion was made by Geneva to approve, and seconded by Carrol. Approved by all.
- III. Public Comment. None.
- IV. Ongoing Business
 - A. Action Tracking
 - 1) Updates
 - a) Bertucci: Closed, moved to mitigation tracking.
 - b) Treasure Bay: Closed without resolve; trees were removed without approval; moved to mitigation tracking.
 - c) Jack Graves & Jim Boy Roads: Magnolia removed w/o authorization; moved to closed without resolve.
 - d) Briarfield Apartments: Cosed, move to mitigation tracking / determine requirements.
 - e) Big Play Amusement Park: TC recommendations were dismissed; all trees proposed for removal were removed; Moved to WATCH during construction process.
 - 2) New Items
 - a) Emerald Lakes was added. Citizens reported 5 trees were removed without authorization; CA confirmed this was the case. Mitigation and/or penalties are being sought. Tree Committee will follow-up.
 - B. Site Visits & Recommendations (5 minutes)
 - 1) Woolmarket Community Center – Report
 - 2) Pringle Ave Self Storage – Report
 - 3) People’s Plaza Retail Strip – Report
 - C. Outstanding Issues Requiring Follow-Up
 - 1) Eagle Point (pending CA investigation, based on August 31, 2019 report to City Council)
 - 2) Hilton Gardens (mitigation past due, based on August 31, 2019 report to City Council)
 - 3) Woolmarket, Emerald Lakes / Tree Mutilation (findings, report)
 - 4) Beach Vista Apartments: It was stated in DCR that no tree issues exist for this site; however trees are on this site and will be impacted. Follow-up needed.
 - 5) Hidden Springs: Follow-up needed.
 - 6) Faler property: Follow-up needed.

C. Committee Reports

- 1) PR / Communications (Robin Rodolfich)
 - a) Reported that the City PR department is enthusiastic about highlighting some relevant information put out by Gary Bachman via video. Robin will pursue this opportunity.
- 2) Majestic Tree Program (Geneva Dummer)
 - a) No progress this period.
- 3) City Beautification Program (Tracy Wyman)
 - a) No progress this period.

VI. Current Business

- A. Mitigation Tracking. 3 items were added to mitigation tracking this period.
- B. LDO Progress. No report this period. The Committee is scheduled to meet with the City on March 11.
- C. Carroll Campbell stated that she had served three years as Chair and needed to Step Down. Tracy Wyman was nominated but declined due to her need to stay in the record-keeping role. Carroll nominated Geneva Dummer to serve as Chair of the Committee. Tracy seconded the nomination. All were in favor. Geneva's term begins immediately.

VII. Meeting Adjourned: Estimated at 5:00 p.m.