

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: ZOOM Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81836319920>

MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2020

NOTE: All meetings will take place via Zoom until further notice.

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

II. Minutes, July minutes were approved by all.

III. Public Comment. None.

IV. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking: No updates or new items were added this month.
Follow-up required on all items reported in July 2020 minutes.

B. Site Visits & Recommendations remain outstanding and will be scheduled in August:

- Woolmarket Community Center
- Pringle Ave Self Storage
- People's Plaza Retail Strip

C. Committee Reports

- PR / Communications: A new Committee Chair was assigned, Carroll Campbell. No other report.
- Majestic Tree Program: Geneva Dummer share the Majestic Tree Application she has developed (draft attached). Committee agreed to present this to the City Arborist and Director of Community Development in August.
- City Beautification Program: No report.

V. Current Business

A. Mitigation Report is being updated by Tracy, to be included in report to City Council.

B. LDO Progress: Status has been tabled, to be discussed with City Arborist and Director of Community Development in August.

C. Draft Report to City is still in progress. The Tree Permit Report developed by the Tree Committee did not reconcile with the report issued by the City Arborist, who was asked to help reconcile this report.

D. Robin Rodolfich, Ward 1 Tree Committee Member has resigned to attend to health concerns. She has faithfully served for over 3 years and she will be missed. This vacancy will be announced in the B-News.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

DRAFT FOR REVIEW:

Application for Biloxi, MS Majestic Oak Designation

This form is available to Biloxi residents who wish to have an Oak Tree designated as Majestic by the City of Biloxi.

Prior to submission of this form, the tree in question MUST have been certified by the Societe des Arbres as a Majestic Tree. Please visit <https://gardenclubsofmississippi.com/societe-des-arbres/> to apply BEFORE completing this application.

The Biloxi Tree Committee is charged as per the City of Biloxi's Land Development Ordinance with receiving and reviewing applications by property owners for a designation of an individual live oak tree on their property to be designated a "Majestic Oak".

If approved by the Committee, such designation will be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration. If that designation is also approved by the Mayor and City Council or if the City Council otherwise designates a tree a Majestic Oak, then any tree permit involving such Majestic Oak shall be considered a Major Tree Permit and shall require approval of the Tree Committee.