

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2020

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

I. The meeting was called to Order at 4:10 p.m.

II. Members present via Zoom: Tracy Wyman (2), Geneva Dummer (4); Carroll Campbell (5)

III. Public Comment. None.

IV. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking

- Updates
- New Items

B. Site Visits & Recommendations. None this period.

C. Outstanding Issues

Geneva will send the list of our questions regarding the following cases to the City Arborist to clarify status and progress on these items.

- Eagle Point (TC pursuing requirements for legal action)
- Hilton Gardens (TC pursuing clarification on mitigation requirements)
- Woolmarket, Emerald Lakes / Tree Mutilation (TC pursuing mitigation)

Geneva reported that a Rich Avenue property owner was fined \$4,000 for unlawful removal of trees. The LDO allows a fine of \$100 - \$1000 per tree, per violation. While this is unfortunate for the property owner, this is a positive step toward tree protection in our City.

D. Committee Reports

- PR / Communications (Carroll Campbell) – No report.
- Majestic Tree Program (Geneva Dummer) – Geneva announced she has the full list now of trees recognized by the Society des arboir, and will send the list to the City Arborist. Additionally, there are now more trees to be recognized.
- City Beautification Program (Tracy Wyman) – No report.

V. Current Business

A. Scheduling Draft Report Meeting / Mitigation Report / LDO Progress (Tracy)

Since we've had such a difficult time schedule a review meeting with the City, the Committee agreed to expand the report for a full year (Aug 2019 – Aug 2020).

When that is ready, we'll work to schedule a meeting with the City.

B. Ward 1 & Ward 6, Tree Committee Vacancy

Geneva Dummer has emailed the Mayor's Office and Council Members regarding these open positions, and has asked for recommendations.

C. Continue discussion / clarification on Committee Member Roles

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