

CITY OF BILOXI

TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

2nd Monday of each month
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Community Development Building, Location TBD
676 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

MINUTES

June 14, 2021

- I. The meeting was called to Order at 3:35 p.m.

Members present: Robin Lang (1); Carroll Campbell (5); Pam Barlow (7)
- II. Public Comment. None.
- III. May minutes were approved via email.
- IV. Ongoing Business

Action Tracking: no presentation
- V. Current Business
 1. Tracy presented our Mitigation Report and Majestic Tree Program Proposal to the City Council on Tuesday June 15, 2021
 2. Carroll Campbell attended the Planning Commission on June 3, 2021 to present our recommendations for saving 2 trees, a 48" live oak and a magnolia, at the Reserve at Marsh Island. The Planning Commission agreed to save the Live Oak. The developer will redesign their plan to save this tree.
- VI. New Business
 1. A site visit is planned for Preserve At Parkers Creek on June 15, 2021 at 10 am. The Planning Commission has a Tree Hearing on June 17th.
 2. There was a discussion about making a video about tree removal education for either YouTube or Biloxi TV. The videos would be to inform both residents and developers on the correct process. Robin will contact Vincent Creel about this. All agreed that we would wait until Carroll's article is published.
 3. The Sierra Club wants to "Stop the Pop" which is a program to rid the area of the invasive Popcorn Tree. City of Biloxi and the public's help would be needed to accomplish this. John Barrett is spearheading this project and will be asked to join our next TC meeting to explain.
 4. Matthew Dubaz was reinstated as Tree Committee member for Ward 3 and Shirley Robinson was approved as TC member for Ward 2 by the City Council.
- VII. Old Business
 1. The Société Des Arbres (Garden Clubs of MS) past designates Majestic tree list was discussed. Most of us were unsuccessful with finding these trees because of address changes and past storm damage. Pam Barlow volunteered to take all the lists and see if she could have some success with finding these trees.
 2. Carroll Campbell's article on "Do I Need A Tree Permit To Cut Down A Tree" will be published in the August BNews.

3. The clearcutting issue at West Oaklawn/Shorecrest Rd was discussed. There is an affidavit sworn by Biloxi citizen Michael Williams Kinney and Mary Kinney who witnessed the event in August 2019. Robert Harenski is the attorney to oversee the Community Court designed by the City of Biloxi. We will make sure to forward all documents and photos to Mr. Harenski for action.

VII. Meeting Adjourned: 4:43 p.m.