

CITY OF BILOXI

TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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); Pam Barlow (7)

III. January 2021 Minutes were read and approved by the Committee.

IV. Public Comment. None.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking

- Updates to existing items tracked were noted.
- New Items added based on DRC meetings attended include: Martinis, Bellwood Phase 2, and the Simon Property

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 Société des Arbres 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 scheduling 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

Discussion included responsibilities of Chair as main communicator with the City, and the need for someone to take responsibility for permit tracking.

VI. Meeting Adjourned: Estimated at 5:30 p.m.