

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**NOTE: Future meetings will be IN PERSON (and also available via the above Zoom link)
The new time and location is as follows:
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

APRIL 12, 2021

I. The meeting was called to Order at 4:15 p.m.

Members present via Zoom: Robin Lang (1); Tracy Wyman (2); Carroll Campbell (5); Pam Barlow (7);

II. Public Comment. None.

III. March minutes were approved via email.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking

- Updates were made to ongoing items on the tracker; follow-up with CA will occur during the month regarding several properties.
- New Items Added include:
 - Legends Parking Lot Expansion (TC will watch regarding proper tree protection during construction)
 - The Reserve at Marsh Island (Site visit and TC recommendations needed)
 - Warehouse Storage (TW will follow up with CA regarding questions)

B. Site Visits & Recommendations. The Committee submitted recommendations regarding Ocean Club Villas and their request for removal of 4 health magnolias and one healthy live oak. TW will follow-up regarding the outcome.

C. Outstanding Issues

- The Committee is expanding its reporting period to March of 2021 in order to present to the City Council the most current information possible. Tracy will take on finishing up the permit reconciliation, with a goal to be complete with that task in one week. Carroll is updating the narrative of events for the period. The mitigation report is already current. Our goal is to be ready to present this report to the CA and DCD by mid-next week so that it can be heard before City Council during the month of April 2021.
- Robin Lang has agreed to serve as the Ward 1 representative and serve on the Public Relations Committee. Welcome back, Robin!
- With the resignation of member and chair, Geneva Dummer, the position of Chair is now open. Carrol nominated Tracy Wyman (2) to serve as Chair. She accepted and all approved.

This left the office of Secretary vacant. Carroll nominated Robin Lang as Secretary. She accepted and all approved.

- Councilman Kenny Glavan has announced that a citizen in Ward 6 has shown interest in serving on the Tree Committee. Tracy will reach out to them to confirm, and to move forward with that appointment.
- Eagle Point / Oak Lawn. The TC is pursuing requirements for legal action. Carroll updated the group regarding securing an affidavit from the citizen who initially brought this to the Committee's attention. No affidavit has been prepared to date. Carroll will inquire with the citizen, and Tracy will inquire with the CA as to next steps.

D. Committee Reports

- PR / Communications (Carroll Campbell and Robin Lang) – Carroll drafted an article for review by the Committee. Once reviewed it will go to Vincent Creel for publication.
- Majestic Tree Program – (at large member, Geneva Dummer). No report.
- City Beautification Program (Tracy Wyman) – No report.

VI. Current Business

A. Ward 2 and Ward 4 are now are vacant in terms of Tree Committee representation. The Committee will work together to see these positions are filled as soon as possible.

B. The Committee will meet in person going forward, with Zoom available for those wishing that option. Tracy will check to see if we can use the Community Development conference room or auditorium. There is a strict 5pm end-of-meeting time when meeting at Community Development, so we'll start the meetings at 3:30. As always, the success of the Committee is dependent upon the participation of each member. Each member should make a concerted effort to attend all meetings, either in person or via Zoom.

VII. Meeting Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.