

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**NOTE: Future meetings will be IN PERSON (and 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

AUGUST 9, 2021

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

Members present: Tracy Wyman (ex officio member Chair) Robin Lang, via zoom(1); Shirley Robinson (2); Susan Peterson, via zoom(4); Carroll Campbell, via zoom (5); Pam Barlow (7)

II. Public Comment: None.

III. July minutes were approved and accepted. Pam Barlow 1st and Shirley Robinson 2nd

V. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking:

- Bertucci Park is still active
- West Oaklawn/Shorecrest clearcutting is still active

B. Site Visits & Recommendations

- There was a site visit to Bertucci Park. The TC will be submitting recommendations for their request of the removal of 122 protected trees as follows: 54 Live Oaks, 56 Other Oaks, 10 Magnolias and 2 Sycamores. Tracy will write the recommendations for the Planning Commission.
- Recommendations for Oaklawn/Shorecrest clearcutting to the prosecutor with no response after 2 emails.
- Allenwood (Woolmarket): emailed a recommendation. CA stated that they don't send to Planning Commission single lot issues even if it is 5 or more trees being cut. We need to research any examples of this and the verbiage in the LDO, to be clear that this is indeed correct. We need to clarify this with Eric Nolan and Jerry Creel.
- Need a sit down with Eric and Jerry.
 - Topic #1: the LDO
 - Topic #2: specifically, Allenwood and why the Planning Commission doesn't hear plans for removal of trees for residential lots (5 or more trees)
 - Topic #3: Community Court: We need a better clarification on the process
 - Topic #4: We have noticed that the Tree Removal Permit information is getting more vague
 - Topic #5: creation of an informational video for developers

D. Committee Reports

- PR / Communications (Carroll Campbell and Robin Lang) – Carroll Campbell drafted an article for BNews titled “Right Tree Right Place”. She is trying to get it in the September issue. Her article “Do I Need a Permit to Cut My Tree” was published in the August 2021 issue of BNews.
- Majestic Tree Program – (at large member, Christine Davis).
 - ✓ The old list of Majestic Trees is not helpful. We decided to start a new list with the help of a volunteer, Marion Andrews, who will join us in October.
 - ✓ Tracy presented to the City Council our intentions of creating this list. Tree Committee members should get the word out. Tracy will create a link on our web page so we can share with the neighborhoods via Facebook etc.
 - ✓ There is an opportunity on the city website for volunteers with the MS State Master Naturalists Tree Program. Christine will be meeting with the director of this program. Once we have the link created, we will update the information listed.

E. City Beautification Program (Tracy Wyman) – No report

VI. Current Business

A. Tracy, the chair, will take the lead with all communication with Eric Nolan, Jerry Creel, Community Development and City Council.

B. Any member that feels like getting involved or having a stronger role with projects should just start to do so except for above.

C. No report from Carroll regarding her to do list. The report will be tabled until next month.

VII. Meeting Adjourned: 4:38 p.m.