

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Time / Location: 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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

- I. The meeting was called to Order at 3:40 p.m.

Members present: Tracy Wyman (ex officio member Chair); Pam Barlow (7); Susan Peterson (4)
- II. Public Comment: Carroll Campbell and Kaylin Breuning attended as members at large. Carroll is a former Committee member, and invited Kaylin who is a recent Biology graduate of USA, and interested in all matters where economic development and environmental protection must work in concert. Kaylin does not live within one of the Biloxi Wards, but will likely attend future meetings as a member at large.
- III. August 2022 minutes were approved via email.
- V. Ongoing Business

A. Action Tracking:
 - No projects were added this period.
 - No projects were moved to “closed” this period.
 - The following projects were moved to “mitigation tracking” this period:
 - 1) Anchors Landing
mitigation requirement 40 trees
 - 2) Riches Carwash
mitigation requirement, undetermined.
 - 3) Eula Phase 2 (permit for an additional 2 trees;
developer offered to mitigate at 4:1)
mitigation requirement 8 trees
- B. Site Visits & Recommendations
 - There was insufficient notice and thus time for a site visit to Anchor’s Landing. Nevertheless, the Committee submitted timely recommendations to the Planning Commission, resulting in the approval of the removal of 10 trees and the compromise of an additional 10, for a mitigation requirement of 40 trees.
 - The Committee will meet Tuesday, 9/13 at 11:30 am at the site of Rich’s Carwash, and prepare recommendations for the Planning Commission.

D. Committee Reports

- PR / Communications – “*Beyond Live Oaks, Part 1*” was published in the B-News this period. Part 2 is scheduled for publication in September. This series was headed up by Carroll Campbell.
- Majestic Tree Program – (Tracy).
The Committee collectively set a deadline of September 21 to get the first two proposed trees on the Council Agenda. Tracy will connect with Christine for this task.
- City Beautification Program (Tracy Wyman) – Tracy has inquired with the City multiple times since March about this document, and has not received a response.
- No members attended DRC and/or Planning Commission meetings this period.

VI. Outstanding Issues

- A. Oaklawn Recommendation. Carroll provided video captures by the McKinney’s. The drive-by footage shows the site cleared soon after the trees were felled. Tracy has tried to move this forward with the City Arborist, Director of Community Development to be heard before Community Court, without success. We’re still trying to understand the Community Court process, again, without success after many inquiries.
- B. Allenwood Drive, insufficient tree permit process—Tracy will inquire with CA.

VII. Current Business

- A. Pam Barlow suggested we meet in Woolmarket in October to encourage community participation. The meeting date was also moved to the 3rd Monday due to Columbus Day. The October meeting will take place on October 17 from 4-5 pm at the Woolmarket Library. We will also make a point to invite the Ward 7 Councilperson to this meeting.
- B. Reporting. The Committee collectively set a deadline of September 21 to get our annual report to City Council on the agenda.
- C. Mitigation Tracking. The City Arborist gave input on all outstanding questions regarding the project we are tracking for mitigation. CA updates do not include the quantity, species, or date, or location of planting. This data is needed in order to adequately track mitigation plantings. The mitigation trust has not yet been utilized.
- D. Tracy will reach out to Mayor Gilich and Ward 5 Councilperson Dr. Paul Tisdale to fill the vacancy for Ward 5.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 4:45 p.m.