

# CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Time / Location:** Special Location Meeting: Ward 7  
3:30 – 4:30 pm  
Woolmarket Library, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, Biloxi, MS 39532

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## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

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- I. The meeting was called to Order at 4:15 p.m.  
  
Members present: Tracy Wyman (ex officio member Chair); Shirley Robinson, (2); Pam Barlow (7)
- II. Public Comment: No members of the public were present.
- III. October 2022 minutes were read and approved with revisions. (Motion by Pam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirley).
- V. Ongoing Business
  - A. Action Tracking:
    - No projects were added this period.
    - The following projects were moved to “closed” this period:
      - Southern Magnolia (denied by Planning Commission)
      - Rich’s Car Wash (denied by Planning Commission)
  - B. Site Visits & Recommendations
    - A site visit regarding the Reef Gas Station (Dubuys and Hwy 90) took place just before this meeting. It was decided the Committee would recommend the Planning Commission deny this project based on unsuitability of use. The site formerly was home to an Olive Garden restaurant with ample parking that incorporated many Live Oaks and Cabbage Palm Clusters. The Committee will ask the Commission to recommend to the developer that a restaurant or similar business be planned for this site which can take advantage of the existing natural amenities. The Commission will hear this Case 2022 TR-010 on November 17, 2022.
  - D. Committee Reports
    - PR / Communications –No articles were published in the B-News this period. Tracy will submit a short article by November 15 which will appear in the December Biloxi Newsletter, *Have a HOLLY JOLLY holiday*, focusing on hollies native to Mississippi.
    - Majestic Tree Program – Tracy will meeting with Christine on November 16 to get this program up and running.
    - City Beautification Program (Tracy Wyman) – Tracy has inquired with the City multiple times since March about this document, and has not received a response.

## VI. Outstanding Issues

Reporting. The Committee collectively set a deadline of Friday, November 18 to get our annual report to City Council on the agenda.

## VII. Current Business

- A. Tree Permits—Pam reported that all tree permits that have been emailed to the Committee by the City Arborist have been entered into our tracking system as of September 30, 2022.
- B. DRC / Planning Commission Attendance: Shirley Robinson has agree to attend DRC in the upcoming week, and as often as her schedule will allow. She will report findings at each Tree Committee meeting, either in person or via text / email.
- C. Mitigation Tracking. There has been no change to mitigation tracking this period, or improvements to the coordination of such with the City.
- D. Councilperson Dr. Paul Tisdale is working with the Mayor to fill the vacancy for Ward 5. Tracy will reach out again to the Mayor to solicit filling this vacancy.
- E. Tree Committee Members not able to participate in regular meetings, or contribute in a meaningful way on a regular basis will be asked to step down and help fill those positions with someone with the time and capacity to serve.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 p.m.