

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Time / Location: Community Development Conference Room
3:30 – 4:30 pm

MINUTES
2023

SEPT 11,

- The meeting was called to Order at 3:340 p.m.
 - Members present: Tracy Wyman (1); Susan Peterson (4); Jeremy Herring (7); Mark Dubaz
 - City Council or Staff present: Zack Harris, City Arborist
 - Public Comment: No members of the public were present.
 - August 2023 minutes were read and approved.
 - City Arborist Comments.
 - Presented Tree Committee w/ permits to update our records;
 - Tree Committee requested the CA provide those applications that were denied also;
 - Tree Hearing is scheduled for September 21 for The Current at 2068 Beach Blvd; Tree Committee Recommendations are due Friday, September 15;
 - City received check for the MSGCCC Campus Access Road in the amount of \$16.8k for 42 mitigation trees to replace the 21 that were removed; mitigation plan is to be determined;
 - Recommendation for the 66" magnolia at Querons Avenue and Esposita be considered for majestic status; City of Biloxi is the property owner so the TC will need to file the application for designation with the Societe' des Arbres. Zach will provide the TC with the address.
 - Ongoing Business
 - Action Tracking:
- B. Site Visits & Recommendations
- None this period.

C. Committee Reports

- PR / Communications –
 - Mark Dubaz is interested in writing some articles for the BNews
 - Zach will be preparing articles as well;
 - Tracy presented the Majestic Tree Program at the September Main Street Meeting which stirred a little interest in the program.
- Majestic Tree Program –
 - The Committee is working to move along the majestic tree program with:
 - Old Brick House
 - Lopez Park on Benachi (approximately 12 trees)
 - 3456 Sharon Hill
 - Susan and Mark agreed to get the Majestic Tree form up and running so that it is usable for new applicants. It is on Google Docs, and Tracy will send to them via regular email.

VI. Outstanding Issues

There has been no progress in getting the draft report to the Director of Community Development. Tracy will get the draft to the committee. We have been advised by the CA to move forward with a simplified report so that we can begin to give regular and more complete reports in the future.

VII. Current Business

- Tracy has been approved by the Director of Community Development to move from ex-officio to Ward 1 representative. This made sense with Robin's departure from the Committee.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 p.m.