

**CITY OF BILOXI
TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Location: Community Development Conference Room

Minutes

May 13, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
Members present: Susan Peterson (4), Jeremy Herring (7) by phone, and Wendy Lally (5).
Not present: Mark Dubaz (3).
City Council or Staff present: Zach Harris, City Arborist
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Minutes: April minutes were approved.
- IV. City Arborist Comments:
 - A. Zach Harris provided updates on the Coral Breeze, Reef Express and Lost Gardens (which included mitigation trees).
 - B. Jeff Davis Road is progressing well.
 - C. He is keeping up with the oak trees at the Ohr Okeefe Museum.
 - D. The work being done at the Reserve @ Marsh Island is on pause.
 - E. He has applied for Green Infrastructure G15 canopy mapping for a two-year assistance.
 - F. Zach Harris is still working on the Tree Plotter Program for the City of Biloxi through the MS Tree Forrest Commission.
 - G. He is working on the tree documentation for the Querens Magnolia Tree to have it designated a Champion Tree. This tree has been assessed and measured.
 - H. A large Oak Tree was damaged and fell at the City of Biloxi Cemetery. It has been removed.
 - I. No tree hearings coming up.
- V. Ongoing Business:
 - A. Action Tracking: We are currently not working on any projects.
 - B. Site Visit and Recommendations: None

- C. Committee Reports: None
- D. DRC Meetings: Zach Harris and Jeremy Herring have been attending these meetings. Nothing to report.

VI. Current Business:

- A. Zach Harris asked if any of us had contacts with CSX as he is trying to make sure there is a no spray zone around the Magnolia Tree on Querens Ave. Jeremy Herring has a CSX connection and will share it with him.
- B. We are still are in need of three members on the current City of Biloxi Tree Committee. Council members along with the Mayor's Office and the City of Biloxi PR have been notified that Ward 1, 2 and 6 have vacancies.
- C. Susan Peterson reminded everyone our next meeting will be on our new day (June 5, 2024) which is the first Wednesday of each month at the same time (3:30).

VII. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Peterson
Tree Committee Secretary