

CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Community Development Conference Room

Minutes

April 8, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to Order 3:30 p.m.
Members present: Mark Dubaz (3), Susan Peterson (4), Jeremy Herring (7)
City Council or Staff present: Zach Harris, City Arborist
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Minutes: Were approved.
- IV. City Arborist Comments:
 - A. Zach Harris provided an update on the Reef Express and is tracking their work.
 - 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.
 - F. Zach Harris is updating the list of approved City of Biloxi Tree Company Contractors.
 - G. He has worked on helping keep the Magnolia Tree at Querens Street healthy by having Fullinhams Tree Service do some soil injecting. He is working on having the tree documented to have it designated a Champion Tree when MS State reinstitutes this program.
 - H. 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:
 1. DRC Meetings: Zach Harris and Jeremy Herring have been attending these meetings. Nothing to report.

2. Majestic Tree Program: Susan Hunts paperwork for her two Live Oak Majestic Trees have been submitted to the Community Development and been reviewed by Zach Harris.
 3. PR/Communications, Upcoming Events: Susan Peterson brought copies of the "Are Your Trees Ready for Hurricane Season?" that she updated. It was sent to the City of Biloxi PR Director, Cecila Dobbs Walton and included in the April B News.
- VI. Current Business:
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.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Peterson
Tree Committee Secretary

Additional Notes:

On Monday April 8, 2024 Wendy Lally asked for a change of our meeting day. A motion was made by her to move it to the first Wednesday of each month starting in June. Susan Peterson seconded the motion. Discussion was held by text. Everyone including Zach Harris agreed to the change. Susan Peterson will notify Celila Dobbs Walton for publication changes and she will notify Mr. Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development.