

# CITY OF BILOXI TREE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Location:** Community Development Conference Room

**Minutes**

**June 5, 2024**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:28 p.m.  
Members present: Mark Dubaz (3), Susan Peterson (4), and Wendy Lally (5).  
Excused: Jeremy Herring (7)  
City Council or Staff present: Zach Harris, City Arborist
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Minutes: May minutes were approved.
- IV. City Arborist Comments:
  - A. Zach Harris provided updates on tree trimming and maintenance at the Biloxi Visitor Center, Ohr Okeefe, and the Old Brick House. Irish Hill tree has been removed.
  - B. Zack earlier applied for a grant and assistance from the Forestry Commission for "Tree Plotter" program and we were picked. This program will help track our city trees.
  - C. He is still keeping up with the oak trees at the Ohr Okeefe Museum.
  - D. The work being done at the Reserve @ Marsh Island is still on pause.
  - E. He is continuing to work on the tree documentation for the Querens Magnolia Tree to have it designated a Champion Tree. This tree has been assessed and has been measured.
  - F. Shorecrest development (Woolmarket) has been allowed to go forward by court order.
  - G. Zack would like to put forward some our City of Biloxi Majestic Trees at a City of Biloxi Council meeting in the fall timeframe.
  - 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: None
- D. DRC Meetings: Zach Harris and Jeremy Herring have been attending these meetings. Nothing to report at this time. Chick fil A has bought property on Pass Road and had a virtual meeting to discuss the city planning codes that need to be followed. They are aware of the Tree Committee rules.

VI. Current Business:

- A. 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.
- B. 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). She has notified Celila Dodson and John Majure, City of Biloxi Public Affairs, to have the information updated in the B Mail and the City of Biloxi web site.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Susan Peterson  
Tree Committee Secretary