

Tree Committee Meeting

Location: Community Development Conference Room

Minutes

December 3, 2025

I. The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m.

Members present: Debra Carr (1), Jeremy Herring (7), Wendy Lally (5), Susan Peterson (4), Jamie Tamburo (2).

Excused: Doug Deluca (6).

City Council or Staff present: Mr. Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development, Brad Manus, City contracted arborist.

II. **Minutes:** November minutes were approved.

III. **Public Comment:** There were no guests or public comment.

IV. **Ongoing Business:**

Updates / Arborist Report:

A. Mr. Creel let us know the City of Biloxi still is actively looking for a City Arborist and the job is still posted on the City web site. He presented the List of Trees removed. There were only 5 trees and each Tree Committee member received a copy. No healthy protected trees were removed. All trees have been documented with photos. If there were any questionable trees he would have contacted Brad Manus, City contracted arborist. The List of Trees will be attached to the December minutes.

B. Site Visits and Recommendations: There were none.

C. Committee Reports:

- DRC Attendance: Susan Peterson attended these DRC meetings: November 12th, and December 3rd. There were no trees addressed at the DRC meeting on November 19th and there was no DRC meeting on November 26th.
- PRC / Communications: An article was written by Susan Peterson for the December BNews on “Gifting a Tree” and where some of those trees are located in the city. She asked for citizens to contact her or their Ward Tree plaques or to attend a Tree Committee meeting.
- COB Majestic Tree Applications: Paperwork was emailed to all Tree Committee members for the Edgewater Park live oak tree and Jack and Jana Lander’s two live oak trees along with their documentation. A motion was made, seconded

and unanimously voted to accept these trees as City of Biloxi Majestic Trees. Applications were given to Mr. Creel so they may be added to the City Council for acceptance as COB Majestic Trees.

- Majestic Tree Program: Still waiting for the Howard Avenue paperwork.

V. Current Business:

- Tree Committee Member Comments: None
- Chairperson / Secretary Comments: Susan Peterson returned in person Isabele Kesler's photos of her Lopez trees from our last Tree Committee meeting for the Tree Committee to vote on making them COB Majestic Trees. Additionally, she delivered a written letter letting her know her trees were accepted and the COB Majestic Tree process.
- Reports to the City: None

VI. Old Business / New Business:

- A. Susan Peterson is working on the Arbor Day giveaway and currently waiting on information from the MS Forestry and Jamie Lee, City of Biloxi Parks and Rec. It will be coordinated with the Tree Committee, Parks and Rec and the City of Biloxi Relations. More information will follow once it becomes available.
- B. Tidelands Heritage Trust tree giveaway to celebrate their 25th anniversary. This is open to all Biloxi residents. Flyer was sent out to all Tree Committee members and also passed around at the meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjournment: 4:40 p.m.

