



Tree Preservation Board Minutes

July 27, 2021

Winter Park Community Center
721 W New England Ave, Winter Park FL 32789
5:00pm

Board Members Present

Kim Ashby, Steve Carras, Christina Schloot, John Nico, Melanie Love

Board Members Absent

Jill Bendick, Meggen Wilson

Administrative

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Kim Ashby at 5:00pm

Minutes Approval - Motion made by Steve Carras to approve the June 22, 2021 minutes; seconded by Melanie Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

a) Tree Preservation Board Overview

Staff gave an overview of the board's responsibilities; and to have board members prioritize the objectives and goals of the board. Board members will send a list of desired objectives and goals and priorities to staff to compile a list.

b) Code Compliance Protocols

Urban Forestry staff and Code Compliance staff is currently working to create new protocol for joint compliance situations. Once protocols are confirmed staff will present them to the board. These protocols include code complaint response, issuance of code violations, and following safety and code compliance process. Staff met with the City Attorney in reference to the residential state statute for residential removal. The goal is to try to obtain a process to be proactive in educating to residents seeking tree removal on residential property and to have a clear process in code compliance violations. Staff will provide an update each month on the progress in confirming these protocols.

Tree Preservation Board will review and vote on appeals for denial of tree permits. Code Compliance will review any code violations.

c) Tree Barricade Material Update

Staff provided an update on the process of creating literature as related to Tree Barricades; this document will be a part of the supplemental guide. Staff will be working with contractors, to make sure there is a clear understanding of material that can be used.

d) Tree Equity Score

Commissioners suggested the Tree Equity Score is discussed with the Tree Board from a resident that raised concern. The Tree Equity Score is a map that shows tree cover in areas by demographic relation; the map is interactive and used to obtain specific data. The map provides a score for a specific areas, the intent is to show how variations in canopy coverage relates to different demographics and areas.

Staff provided the board with material used to analyze data specific to the City of Winter Park. Board members suggest open discussion with everyone, to determine the desire and need of trees planted in different areas in the City. Staff educated the board on the Urban Heat Island Effect, and articles from the Florida guidelines that influence the decisions of staff daily. USDA soil profiles and soil health are used to determine planting decisions. Soil PH is important to make sure the tree is adaptable to the soil. Staff will engage with the residents to have a better understanding of the desired tree canopy in neighborhoods, and the educate residents on different species of trees, upkeep and maintenance. Staff will invite the Sustainability Board for a joint meeting.

Citizen Comments (items not on the agenda)

Terry Bryant, 1831 Windsor Drive addressed the board about the alternative to the planting of Live Oaks in terms of predictability.

Action Items (None)
Board Discussion

Adjourn Motion made by Jill Bendick to adjourn the meeting seconded by Chuck Bell; meeting adjourned at 6:07pm

Next meeting August 24, 2021 5:00pm