

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Virtual|Electronic Meeting

AGENDA

Call to Order & Chair Report (<i>B. Menard</i>)	5:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve March Minutes• Welcome New Members	
Climate, Art & Community (<i>Amanda Nelsen, University of Virginia</i>)	5:15
NDS/PW Presentation and Discussion	5:25
Committee Reports	5:50
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education & Advocacy (<i>P. Van Yahres</i>)• Arbor (<i>P. Van Yahres</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Arbor Day• Codes & Practices (<i>T. Padalino</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Code Revision	
Arborist Report (<i>M. Ronayne</i>)	6:20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canopy Study Update• Mall Tree Study RFP	
General Public Comment ^(†)	6:40
Items/Announcements Not on Agenda	6:45
Action Items for Next Meeting	6:55
Adjourn	7:00

(†) At the discretion of the Chair, public comments related to particular agenda items may be solicited at that point in the meeting.

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Tree Commission

March 2021 Minutes

Date: March 10, 2021

Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Location: Remotely via Zoom meeting

Attending: Paul Josey, Brian Menard, Anson Parker, Tim Padalino, Mark Zollinhofer, Mark Rylander, Peggy Van Yahres, Jeff Pacelli, Jody Lahendro, Jeff Jennings

Absent: Emily Cone-Miller,

Staff: Mike Ronayne, Lucy Hartley

Attendees: Jean Umiker Sebeok, Kendra Hall, Matt Alfele, Sean Tubbs, Vicki Metcalf

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

February Minutes Corrections –

Peggy motions to approve the minutes as presented. Jody seconds, none opposed.

CIP Request Update – Brian M., Peggy

Peggy represented the group at the council and Planning Commission joint session on the CIP. The Tree Commission decided at the session to brief the group on the emerald ash borer situation rather than ask for funding and stressed the importance of tree planting. The Planning Commission suggested they would like to see additional funding for tree planting. Next year the Tree Commission would like a formal proposal to address the emerald ash borer trees.

Tree Commission members terms – Brian M.

3 terms will be ending March 31st and there were 8 applicants for the openings. The commission will make recommendations based on need. Emily and Jeff Jennings will need to reapply. Lynn Rush has stepped off the commission and that position will be filled next quarter.

Staff Presentation – Lucy Hartley

Lucy is the Program Specialist for Parks & Rec. She reviews some of the work they have done prior to the pandemic and how they have adjusted. There is a focus on extending outdoor programs and incorporating schools aftercare programs. Different ideas are exchanged how the program may be able to expand work with i-naturalist as was done in the tree photo safari, camp holiday trails and school grounds mapping projects.

Committee Reports

Education and Advocacy Committee - Peggy

This fall the subcommittee would like to work with CATS to install a few trees, a book tree and bench in the 10th and Page neighborhood. In 2022 the group would like to do more public outreach and education. The group is also interested in getting trees installed as part of the Franklin Street project. The group also would like to explore planting trees at Michie Drive on CRHA property.

Arbor Day – Peggy

The group would like to have Arbor Day at Walker-Upper Elementary School on April 30th at 10AM. CATS will also be holding a Notable Trees ceremony at Maplewood cemetery later that day to celebrate the post oak.

Nominees for Tree Conservation Ordinance – Brian M.

A map of the trees exists on the City's Green Map under the natural resources tab but the commission would like to see the trees on the Tree Commission page. City staff will include the trees there.

The six trees were up for nomination last year but the process was tabled as a result of the pandemic. Moving forward the 6 trees for consideration are the large elm at Clark, the post oak in Maplewood, the sycamore at the Riverview trail, the Shumard oak at the 250 Bypass and a large southern red oak in Oakwood cemetery. Paul motions to submit the trees for ordinance protection to City council. Peggy seconds, none opposed.

Codes and Practices Committee

NDS/PW April Presentation – Tim

The subcommittee has drafted questions to address reoccurring issues within the site plan review process and enforcement regarding trees. The subcommittee would like to meet with staff prior to the April meeting. Mike will check availability of staff.

The group has not had much direction from the Comp. plan or code update yet.

Arborist Report – Mike

Canopy Study RFQ

The anticipated flyover imagery needed for the 2020 study was not performed by the USDA. Mike is waiting to hear back about a price to buy leaf-on aerial imagery from a private satellite company. Mike will keep the group in the loop and lay out all options when he has more information.

Mall Tree Study

Mike will bring a draft of the Mall Tree Study to share with the commission to the April meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Other Items Not on Agenda

This is Paul's last meeting before coming to the end of the Tree Commission and he is held in high praise for his professionalism and expertise he has brought to the commission.

Meeting Action Items:

- members will form recommendations among new applicants
- Mike will notify VDOF, get the proclamation and items for Arbor Day
- Staff will put a list of ordinance protected trees onto Tree Commission webpage
- Mike will bring a Mall Tree Study draft next month

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Charlotteville Tree Commission

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Member	Representing	Current Term
Brian Menard, <i>Chair</i>	At Large	4/1/19 – 3/31/22
Anson Parker	LIN (Fifeville)	9/1/19 – 3/31/22*
Tim Padalino	LIN (10th & Page)	12/1/19 – 3/31/22*
Mark Zollinhofer	CATS	6/16/20 – 11/30/22†*
Mark Rylander	At Large	4/1/20 – 3/31/23
<i>Vacant</i>	At Large	6/21/21 – 3/31/23†*
Jody Lahendro	Planning Commission	1/1/20 – 1/1/23
Mike Ronayne, <i>Ex Officio</i>	Urban Forester	2/1/20 – 1/31/23
Peggy Van Yahres, <i>Vice Chair</i>	At Large	4/1/20 – 3/31/23
Jeff Pacelli	At Large	6/16/20 – 3/31/23*
Jeffrey Aten	At Large	4/1/21 – 3/31/24
Victoria Metcalf	At Large	4/1/21 – 3/31/24*
Jean Umiker-Sebeok	At Large	4/1/21 – 3/31/24*

(*) *Eligible for additional term*

(†) *Completing unexpired term*

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CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

2021 Organization

TC Objectives—

- Advise | Educate | Advocate
- Plant | Preserve | Commemorate
- Monitor | Review | Seek Compliance

TC Annual Goals—Committees will establish goals and an action plan for review by the Commission to ensure that its overall objectives are being met

Committee Structure & Composition—

Education & Advocacy

- Educate community at all levels on the range of benefits of urban trees
- Advocate at all levels of government for funding and support for trees
- Collaborate with groups with aligned goals for the urban forest, sustainability, environment/climate—Cville Climate Collaborative, CATS, Master Naturalists, Public Works
- Maintain and periodically evaluate performance measures for city trees, including through review of the Commission's 6 month and annual tree data reports
- Maintain Tree Commission and Urban Forestry webpages and provide social media and email (Utility Notes) content for city communications office to post
- Coordinate with City Arborist on Urban Canopy Assessment

Members: Peggy, Mark R., Anson, Roxanne

Arbor

- Develop strategies and execute projects to increase urban canopy through public and private planting initiatives
- Review City Arborist's annual tree planting list and work plan and provide input as needed
- Manage tree nominations process to recognize significant trees and encourage preservation
- Work with City Arborist and CATS to commemorate a significant tree on Arbor Day

Members: Mark Z. (CATS), Jean, Jeff A.

Codes & Practices

- Provide input to city planning [code/ordinances, Comprehensive Plan, zoning ordinances, SDM, BMPs]
- Work with City Arborist to update and maintain City Tree List and revise Urban Forest Management Plan
- Review tree legislation and ordinances in other localities
- Review and comment on site plans
- Represent TC on roadway projects (esp. entry corridors/gateways)

Members: *Tim, Jeff P. Victoria*

In general—

- Committees should meet to review TC and committee objectives and develop a list of attainable goals and an action plan for the year
- Committees lead but all commissioners can participate in supporting the action plan and projects (e.g., tree-planting, serving as liaisons, nominating trees, attending public hearings)

Commission Representatives—

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| • Comprehensive Plan Update | Tim Padalino |
| • East High Streetscape | Brian Menard |
| • Barracks/Emmet Street Improvement | Brian Menard |
| • Fontaine Streetscape | Jody Lahendro |
| • Integrated Pest Management (IPM) | <i>Vacant</i> |
| • PLACE commission | Mark Rylander |