

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 4th, 2022

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Virtual|Electronic Meeting

AGENDA

Call to Order (<i>J. Aten</i>)	5:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">September meeting minutes	
Staff Report (<i>R. Anthony, S. Gaines</i>)	5:15
S. Gaines:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding opportunities<ul style="list-style-type: none">Invasive Plant ControlDowntown Mall MaintenanceMall Tree RFP Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">Document to be compiledTimeline for IssueWorkshops<ul style="list-style-type: none">Content and Schedule	
R. Anthony:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Downtown Mall Hazard Tree Removal<ul style="list-style-type: none">Timeline and ProcessMall Vendors and Public walksPublic Meetings and WorkshopsTree Commission Participation	
Committee Reports (<i>J. Aten</i>)	6:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Education & Advocacy (<i>M. Rylander</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">ReLeaf updatesOtherArbor (<i>J. Aten</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Master Tree ListCodes Objectives (<i>V. Metcalf</i>)	
General Public Comment ^(†)	6:45
Items/Announcements Not on Agenda	6:50
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 Meeting Minutes: September 6, 2022

Attendees: Peggy Van Yahres, Paul Josey, Donna Shaunesey, Holly Lafferty, Jeff Pacelli, Jeff Aten, Mark Zollinhofer, Riaan Anthony, Tim Padalino, Vicki Metcalf, Roxanne White

Peggy: Comments regarding August Minutes (approved)

Steve: Brief summary of staff projects

Paul Josey gave presentation "First Five Years of Life" focusing on tree planting and best maintenance practices for young trees.

Key points of conversation regarding presentation and future city planting operations:

- Mulching vs Saw Chips
- Rule of thumb regarding watering regimes (20 gallons per week if possible)
- Program initiative geared specifically for watering new installations (CIP Request for funds)
- Parks and Recreation will look into avenues to incorporate volunteers into watering program. At the very least, staff will see to regular application of saw chips to new tree plantings

Committee Reports:

Education & Advocacy

- Mark informed the committee that the website is in good shape, city technicians have made the requested changes
- Jean and Mark led brief discussion regarding what it would take for Charlottesville to achieve and maintain Biophilic status. This topic will be re-visited
- Re-Leaf updates: Volunteers will be approaching homeowners to talk about tree planting programs around the 10th and Page neighborhood regions. Volunteers include members of ReLeaf, TC, CATS, and the "Green Team" (teenage volunteers interested in joining the effort). Interested homeowners can contact Parks and Rec office to continue the process of getting trees planted on the privately owned properties. -Installations will occur in November 2022

Arbor Committee

- Cover-letter has been re-drafted (and Committee approved) for submittal as part of the Tree Nomination package. 22 Trees have been nominated for preservation along Charlottesville's Garrett and Second Streets. The proposed nominations will be considered by City Council.
- Master Tree List – Urban Forester presented updates to the Master Tree List. Changes were discussed and noted, updates to the list will be discussed at the next meeting

Codes Committee

- Codes Committee, Cville Plans Together, and Parks and Recreation staff continue efforts on work on City Ordinances. Public Hearings for re-writes will likely be occurring in Spring 2023
- Slides from the Steering Committee Powerpoint presentation from August 29 meeting is available on the Cville Plans Together website (cvilleplanstogeher.com)

Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards Update: Mark Z

Mark presented the upcoming schedule for CATS events.

- CATS have several educational opportunities and workshops in the works for Fall 2022
- CATS currently has over 150 volunteers and several willing volunteers for projects

Peggy – Motion to adjourn meeting

