

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 20, 2016- 5:30 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS:

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Chair
X	Terry Plauche, Vice-Chair
X	William Rooks, Sec/Treasurer
	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
X	Cleve Formwalt
X	Jesse McDaniel
X	Evan Cox

STAFF:

	Parks and Recreation	Matthew Capps
X	Urban Forestry	Gerard McCants
X	Alabama Power	Blake Jarrett
X	Planning & Zoning	Richard Olsen
X	Legal	Melissa Mutert

Dr. Holt called the meeting to order and confirmed that the number of members present constituted a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks and seconded by Mr. Formwalt to approve minutes from the following meetings: September 15, 2015; October 20, 2015.

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mr. Rooks presented the Treasurer’s Report with an ending balance of \$14,454.57 and no activity. A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rooks. The motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT REQUESTS:

[P-2016-008](#)

**Eugene McCreary
104 Randolph Street
Remove Sycamore**

Eugene McCreary, 104 Randolph Street, Mobile, AL, spoke on his own behalf and requested approval to remove the tree due to the damage it was causing to his wheelchair ramp.

Mr. Olsen noted that there wasn’t sufficient room to build the ramp elsewhere to meet code and

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save the tree.

After discussion, Mr. Rooks made a motion, seconded by Mr. McDaniel, to approve removal of the tree subject to the following conditions:

1. All work is to be done by a certified, licensed and bonded arborist;
2. All work is to be coordinated with the Forestry Unit of Parks and Recreation Department;
3. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit.

The motion passed unanimously.

P2016-009

Costorde, LLC

2700 Spring Hill Avenue

Remove Two ~6" Live Oaks

Denise Sanderson, Costorde, LLC, 9764 Whithorn Drive, Houston, TX, as agent for Fikes Wholesale, presented a revised site plan and revised the request to relocate two live oaks and one crepe myrtle in the ROW. They wanted relocate them to preserve the health of the trees due to new construction including a drive and addition of a sidewalk.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Plauche based on the revised site plan submitted at the hearing, with second by Mr. Rooks, to approve the request, subject to the following conditions:

1. Trees to be relocated per the revised site plan;
2. If the trees cannot be relocated, they are to be replaced with 6" caliper trees;
3. All work is to be done by a certified, licensed and bonded arborist;
4. All work is to be coordinated with the Forestry Unit of Parks and Recreation Department;
5. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit.

The motion carried unanimously.

P2016-010

Rob Myers/Hutchinson, Moore & Rauch, LLC

2989 Dauphin Street

Trim Two Live Oaks and Remove One Live Oak.

Tom Clark, Clark, Geer, Latham and Associates, Inc., 3901 Spring Hill Ave, Mobile, AL, represented the application on behalf of the property owner, Rob Myers.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Formwalt, with second by Mr. Plauche, to deny the

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request to remove the live oak with the understanding that the applicant may re-apply for a permit for removal should Traffic Engineering deem its location to be a line of sight hazard.

The Commission approved the request to trim two Live Oaks, subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval of the PUD by the Planning Commission;
2. No work to occur until after the PUD has been approved and the appeal period has expired;
3. If the trees are not trimmed by Urban Forestry, all work must be done by a licensed and bonded arborist, and coordinated with Urban Forestry;
4. All work in the right-of-way requires a right-of-way permit.

The motion carried unanimously.

P2016-011

Sharon James

4719 Firestone Drive S

Remove Two Palm Trees

Sharon James, 4719 Firestone Drive South, Mobile, AL, spoke on her own behalf and made the following points in support of the request:

- One of the palm trees is on top of one of her water meters;
- The trees are an eyesore;
- They block the view from her window.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Mr. Formwalt to deny the request.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission recommended that the applicant call 311 and request trimming of the trees by Urban Forestry.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. McCants explained that Alabama Power was given Administrative Approval to trim two live oaks and one water oak in the right of way on Conception Street between State Street and St. Anthony Street so that new power lines may be installed to accommodate the removal of other lines due to the construction of the new Federal Courthouse.

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- Commission and staff discussed the allowance of administrative approval for removal or trimming water oaks, camphor trees, and popcorn trees. Mr. Formwalt advised that the Right Tree, Right Place committee will help establish the types of trees that are desirable and the size of planting area needed for each type of tree.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mr. Olsen announced that a request for funding of \$ 1,000 for a planting project at the McGregor Avenue roundabout will be on the October agenda. The request was not received in time to be on the current agenda.
- Dr. Holt welcomed new member, Evan Cox, to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P. M.