

Approved December 19, 2019

TREE COMMISSION MINUTES

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

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Chair (arrived at 5:48 P.M.)
X	Terry Plauche, Vice-Chair
X	William Rooks, Sec/Treasurer
X	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
X	Cleve Formwalt
X	Jesse McDaniel
	Evan Cox

STAFF

X	Parks and Recreation	Matthew Capps
X	Urban Forestry	Gerard McCants
X	Alabama Power	Eric Garret
X	Planning & Zoning	Richard Olsen
X	Legal	Melissa Mutert
X	Legal	Ricardo Woods

Mr. Plauche called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. and confirmed that the number of members present represented a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks, with second by Dr. Pfeiffer, to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- November 17, 2015;
- December 15, 2015;
- January 19, 2016.

The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Rooks presented the Treasurer's Report with an ending balance of \$13,154.57. A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Mr. Formwalt, to approve the Treasurer's Report.

The motion carried unanimously.

PERMIT REQUESTS:

P-2016-14

**Mystic Stripers Society
1000 S Conception Street
Remove two 13" live oaks.**

Tree Commission Minutes
December 20, 2016

Don Blanchard, President and Bill Evatt, Chairman of Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Mystic Stripers Society, 100 S. Conception Street, Mobile, AL, represented the application.

Mr. Evatt stated that there are two live oaks that they were required to plant when the buildings was constructed 20 years ago. The trees were destroying the sidewalk, and the Stripers were concerned with liability in the event that someone were to trip and fall. They were also concerned that as the trees continue to grow, they will begin to damage the wheelchair ramp attached to the building. Mr. Evatt stated that they would be willing to replace the trees with a less invasive species.

Mr. Formwalt stated that if they allowed every tree to be removed where a sidewalk was damaged, there would be no trees in the city. He advised that they could cut the roots that go under the building and install a barrier to prevent damage to the building.

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

The motion carried with Mr. Plauche in opposition.

P-2016-15

Lamar Advertising

3667 Airport Boulevard

Trim three 10"-12" live oaks located in the median between Airport Boulevard and the Service Road, at approximately 3767 Airport Boulevard.

Bob Pittenger, Lamar Advertising, 3353 Halls Mill Road, Mobile, AL, spoke in support of the request and stated that there are three trees in the median that they would like to trim the tops for visual aspect of the westbound traffic.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Pfeiffer, with second by Mr. McDaniel, to deny the request to trim three live oak trees at the above referenced location.

It was recommended that the applicant call 311 and request trimming of the trees by Urban Forestry.

The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mr. McCants advised the Commission of Administrative Approval granted to Alabama Power Company to trim trees located in the right-of-way in front of the vacant lot on Pecan Street directly across from 568 Patton Avenue, per the

Approved December 19, 2019

Tree Commission Minutes

December 20, 2016

- existing city wide permit to trim trees that are interfering with the safe and efficient provision of service.
- 2017 Meeting and Deadline Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. Plauche, with second by Mr. Rooks, to adopt the 2017 Meeting and Deadline Schedule as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Olsen introduced Ricardo Woods, City of Mobile Legal Department, who discussed with the Commission the various types of authorizations needed for removal of trees depending on whether the work was being done in the right-of-way or within a public park. Dr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Woods agreed that the removal of a cedar tree from Public Safety Park used at the Trump rally at Ladd-Peebles Stadium was not within the jurisdiction of the Tree Commission.
- Mr. Rooks read a letter of appreciation from the Village of Spring Hill for the \$1200.00 donation for planting trees around the perimeter of the roundabout at McGregor Avenue and Museum Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Commission, a motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Mr. Plauche, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Approved December 19, 2019