

TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

August 18, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS

X	Dr. Maurice Holt, Vice-Chair
X	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
	Cleve Formwalt
X	Ben Cummings
X	William Rooks
X	Terry Plauche
X	Jesse McDaniel

STAFF

X	Urban Forestry	Gerard McCants
X	Alabama Power	Blake Jarrett
	Planning	Richard Olsen
X	Planning	Bert Hoffman
X	Planning	Jessica Watson
X	Legal	Melissa Mutert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Rooks and seconded by Mr. Cummings to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015 and July 21, 2015.

The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel and seconded by Mr. Plauche to approve the Treasurer's Report of a balance of \$10,454.57, with no income or expenditures.

The motion carried.

PERMIT REQUESTS:

1	<p><u>P-2015-15</u> Sara Kindt 1119 Dauphin Street South side of Dauphin Street, 232' ± East of Oakland Terrace Remove 30" Magnolia</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for denial. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Plauche, with second by Mr. McDaniel to hold the matter over until the September 15th meeting due to no one being present</p>
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	<p>to represent the applicant at the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><u>P-2015-16</u> Cain's Tree & Landscape for Steve Marine 1561 Bruister Street South side of Bruister Street, 288' ± West of Catherine Street Remove two Bradford Pear trees</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Plauche, with second by Mr. McDaniel to hold the matter over until the September 15th meeting due to no one being present to represent the applicant at the meeting.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p><u>P-2015-17</u> Thomas Bealle 65 S Julia Street East side of S Julia Street, 75' ± North of Brown Street Remove 48"-50" Water Oak</p> <p>The Vice-Chair announced the application had been recommended for approval. He added if anyone wished to speak on the matter they should do so at that time.</p> <p>Mr. McCants stated that the Water Oak had dead wood throughout the tree that will eventually cause more problems.</p> <p>Mr. Bealle stated that he had additional pictures to show the Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Cummings stated that the Commission had allowed Water Oaks to be removed in the past.</p> <p>Mr. Rooks asked if they should require a replacement tree to be planted.</p> <p>Mr. Hoffman responded that the area between the sidewalk and the curb is a very small area and may not have room for a replacement tree.</p> <p>Mr. Bealle stated that limbs are constantly falling off of the Water Oak tree.</p>

He also stated that he has having to park his vehicle on the other side of the street due to the condition of his driveway and curb-cut.

Mr. Rooks asked if the tree replacement would be at the applicant's expense.

Mr. Cummings responded that it would.

Mr. Bealle asked why it would be at his expense; it's the City's property.

Mr. Cummings responded that the Commission would be granting Mr. Bealle permission to remove the tree, but the removal of the tree would be at the owner's expense.

Mr. Hoffman responded that the other option, if the tree is diseased, is that the owner can put in a 311 request and have the tree removed by the City which would put it in the rotation.

Mr. Bealle stated that he has been dealing with this tree since Ron Jackson was still with the City; Ron marked the tree for removal over 3 years ago. Mr. Bealle stated that he considered this reverse condemnation. He also noted that he believed that the City's property is destroying his properties value.

Mr. Jarrett, Alabama Power, stated that he would be willing to assist with taking the tree down.

A motion was made by Mr. Cummings, with second by Mr. Rooks to approve the above reference application. The approval included the following suggestion:

- 1. All work, including grinding of the stump, to done by Urban Forestry and Alabama Power (around power lines);**
- 2. One replacement tree, such as a Crepe Myrtle, to be planted by the applicant;**
- 3. All work to be coordinated with Forestry;**
- 4. A right-of-way permit is required for restoration of the right-of-way, including the sidewalk and driveway, which is to be undertaken at the applicant's expense.**

The motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

OLD

Tree Awards – Mr. Cummings and Mr. Plauche have not yet met to discuss, thus had nothing to report.

NEW

Election of Officers

Mr. Plauche nominated Mr. Holt for Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rooks. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cummings nominated Mr. Plauche for Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. McDaniel. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rooks nominated Mr. Cummings for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Plauche. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cummings nominated Mr. Rooks for Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Plauche. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Stimpson:

- 1) Spoke about the issues regarding the Hilton Garden Inn downtown
- 2) Asked that the Tree Commission consider reviewing the tree and landscaping requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to investigate if there should be changes regarding the number of trees required, the number of trees required in the front setback, where trees can be planted with regards to planting space, nearby infrastructure such as sidewalks, drainage and curbs, and what types of trees should be used. He also suggested that the TC contact Ben Raines, and that the TC review the MIG presentation regarding the proposed improvements to Water Street.

The meeting was adjourned.