Mobile Tree Commission
Minutes of Meeting
June 23, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Tom McGehee, Chairman. New member, Douglas Kearley, appointed by the Historic Mobile Preservation Society, was introduced.

Mobile Tree Commission members present: Tom McGehee, Chairman, Dr. Maurice Holt, Vice Chairman, Laura Clarke, Treasurer, Dr. Rip Pfeiffer, Cleve Formwalt, Allan R. Cameron, Douglas Kearley.

City of Mobile: David Daughenbaugh, Theresa Jernigan, Dave Roberts, James Bolin.

Others present: Blake Jarrett, Alabama Power.

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 26, 2009. Motion carried.

Treasury Report

Laura Clarke, Treasurer, reported a balance of $7,058.63. Motion made to approve as reported. Motion carried.

Permit Applications:

P-2009-08 853 Virginia Avenue
Harold Glenn Dalton represented his application to remove a Popcorn Tree and a Cherry Tree from the unopened right of way so the area can be used for boat, equipment, and material storage. After discussion concerning use and location of right of way, a motion was made to deny the application. Motion carried.

P-2009-11 2160 N Downing Street
Roy Dock represented his application to remove a 20” Water Oak Tree because of his belief that roots have grown into the water line. Discussion followed. Mr. Dock is to have a plumber investigate and bring the results back to the Tree Commission. A motion was made to deny the application. Motion carried.

P-2009-12 51 Marston Lane
Will Mastin of Garden Design Solutions represented this application to remove two Crape Myrtle Trees. Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the application as per staff recommendation as follows: A two for one replacement of like kind and size to be planted on the right of way in the project area with the proper right of way permit. Motion carried.
Staff reported that the design had not been completed for submission by the applicant. A motion was made to hold over the application. Motion carried.

Urban Forestry – Old Shell Road improvements currently taking place were discussed. It was noted that no application to the Mobile Tree Commission was necessary since the project began prior to the annexation of this area into the City of Mobile. However, there are plans to replace the trees lost due to road widening.

Traffic Engineering – No report

Engineering – No report

Alabama Power – No report

Old Business – Trees at Sage Avenue and Dauphin Street have been replanted (six Holly, at this location and one in the park.)

New Business – None

Announcements – Welcome new member Doug Kearley, once again.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa N. Jernigan
Recording Secretary