

TREE COMMISSION AGENDA

March 24, 2015 - 5:30 P.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION HEADQUARTERS

MEMBERS

<u>X</u>	Dr. Maurice Holt, Vice-Chair
<u>X</u>	Laura Clarke, Treasurer
<u>X</u>	Dr. Rip Pfeiffer
<u>X</u>	Cleve Formwalt
<u>X</u>	Jesse McDaniel
	Ben Cummings
<u>X</u>	William Rooks
	Terry Plauche

STAFF

<u>X</u>	Urban Forestry	Gerard McCants
<u>X</u>	Alabama Power	Blake Jarrett
<u>X</u>	Planning	Richard Olsen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Rooks to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015.

The motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: \$10,454.57

PERMIT REQUESTS:

1	<p><u>P-2015-008</u> Daniel Reimer 3763 Mordecai Ln (South side of Mordecai Ln, 120’ ± East of Dilston Ln) Remove 2 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>Mr. Reimer, 3763 Mordecai Lane, spoke on his own behalf. He stated that they are requesting to remove 2 Bradford Pear trees; they would like to re-landscape their front yard but are unsure what they would like to replant at this time. Mr. Reimer also stated that he was unsure of why he would need to obtain a right-of-way permit.</p>
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	<p>Mr. Olsen stated that anytime work is being done in the City's right-of-way a permit is required. In this case, Mr. Reimer would need to obtain a permit from them for any plantings he will be doing. Mr. Olsen explained that they generally allow some tree plantings in the right-of-way; they look at species to ensure that the tree is not one with roots that will damage the streets or other infrastructures.</p> <p>A motion was made by Dr. Pfeiffer, with second by Mr. Formwalt to approve the above reference application, subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All work is to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor;2. All work is to be done at the applicant's expense; and3. All work in the right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Permit. <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p><u>P-2015-009</u> Pinebrook Investments 4059 Airport Blvd (South side of Airport Blvd, 400' West of Westmoreland Dr East, in the median between service road and Airport Blvd.) Remove 30" Live Oak tree for construction of a Slip Lane.</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>Bobby McBride, Rowe Surveying, spoke on behalf of the applicant. He stated that they would like to remove a 30" Live Oak for construction of a Slip Lane to improve traffic on Airport Boulevard in front of Pinebrook Shopping Center. Mr. McBride noted that the tree is not in very good health.</p> <p>Ms. Clarke stated that she was aware that the Forester's report noted some health issues to the tree, but she would like to see either a donation to the tree bank or another tree planted in the vicinity.</p> <p>Mr. Olsen asked Mr. McBride if there would be room to plant a tree in one of the existing Slip Lanes that will be closed.</p> <p>Mr. McBride responded that they could possibly plant a tree there but he would need to look into that.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Clarke, with second by Dr. Pfeiffer to approve the above reference application, subject to the following:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. One replacement tree to be planted in the vicinity if feasible, or if not, a one tree (\$200.00) contribution to the tree bank;2. All work is to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor;3. All work is to be done at the applicant's expense; and4. All work in the right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Permit. <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
3	<p><u>P-2015-010</u> Kenneth Wiggins 1811 Calmes St (Southeast corner of Calmes St and Lessene St) Remove a 28" Pine tree</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. Wiggins, 1811 Calmes St, spoke on his own behalf. He stated that the roots are buckling up the sidewalk and messing up his house.</p> <p>Mr. McCants stated that he could not say with 100% assurance that the tree is causing any problems with Mr. Wiggins' home or the sidewalk.</p> <p>Mr. Wiggins stated that the sidewalk was just replaced because MAWSS had to redo the sewer line.</p> <p>Ms. Clarke stated that this application was previously approved in 2013 and asked Mr. Wiggins why he did not pursue removal of the tree at that time. Mr. Wiggins responded that he did but the City would not pay to have it removed.</p> <p>Mr. Formwalt stated that the tree could be a hazard if the root is going underneath the house.</p> <p>Mr. Wiggins responded that the root is going underneath the house; when MAWSS came out and put in the new sewer line you could see the roots. He noted that he took pictures but did not bring them with him to the meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Clarke stated that based on the report of the condition of the tree the application is recommended for approval, but it will be at the owner's expense. Ms. Clarke also stated that if Mr. Wiggins has more documentation and information they would be willing to hold the application over so they could take a look at that information.</p>

	<p>A motion was made by Ms. Clarke, with second by Mr. McDaniel to hold the matter over until the April 21st meeting to allow the applicant to provide documentation (photos) that tree roots are damaging the residential structure.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>
4	<p><u>P-2015-011</u> R W Tanner Homes for Matt Warren 58 Wimbledon Dr W (North side of Wimbledon Dr W, 250'± West of Crossway Dr) Remove a White Oak tree</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. Tanner, RW Tanner Homes, spoke on the applicant's behalf. He stated that they need to remove this tree to put in a circle driveway for the Warrens.</p> <p>A motion was made by Ms. Clarke, with second by Mr. Rooks to approve the above reference application, subject to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All work is to be done by a licensed and bonded contractor;2. All work is to be done at the applicant's expense; and3. All work in the right-of-way requires a Right-of-Way Permit. <p>The motion carried unanimously.</p>

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McDaniel stated that he had been reviewing the bylaws and the Standing Rules and noticed a conflict in which Thursday of the month the meeting should be held on. The Standing Rules stated the Fourth Thursday of the month and the bylaws state the Third Thursday of the month.

A motion was made by Mr. McDaniel, with second by Dr. Pfeiffer to amend the Standing Rules to specify the Third Thursday of each month as the meeting day, to correspond with the requirement as stated in the bylaws.

The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT 6:20 p.m.