



Jacksonville Tree Commission  
Wednesday January 17, 2024, – 9:30AM  
For approval February 21,  
2024, Via Zoom Platform & In  
Person

**Commissioners Present:**

Curtis Hart (Chair)  
Susan Fraser  
Nina Sickler  
Chris Miller  
William Burke

**Staff:** Charles Hayes (COJ)

**Public:**

Jennifer Grable (COJ)  
Lisa Grubba (Greenscapes)  
Nancy Powell (Scenic Jax)  
Jenny Hinton (COJ-PRCS)  
Valerie Feinberg (COJ-FUSE)  
Landall Demby (JEA)  
Kathleen McGovern (COJ P&R)  
Scott Souder (JEA)  
Joshua Hodges (Greenway)  
Mike Zaffaroni (Liberty)  
Jeff Lucovsky (COJ-P&D)  
Tracy Arpen (Greenscapes)  
John Nooney  
Nancy Powell (Scenic Jax)  
Johnathon Johnston (COJ-P&D)  
Garner Cox (Groundwork Jax)

**Advisors:**

Trisha Bowles, OGC  
Justin Gearhart, City Arborist  
Jonathan Colburn, Urban Forestry Manager

1. **Call to Order** – Chair
2. **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum** – Chair
3. **Submittal of Speaker’s Cards** – Chair
  - a) A raised hand icon as well as waving at the screen will be acknowledged by the Chair.
  - b) For those attending in person, paper speakers’ cards are available.

**4. Action Items:**

- a) Minutes from January 17, 2024, Tree Commission Meeting  
Approved
- b) Proposed Level 3 Projects
- c) Proposed Level 2 Project
  - i. Senior & Community Centers

- The Commission was given an overview of Senior care areas stating it would benefit by providing shade as well as aesthetically and environmentally friendly. These areas included

Bennie Furlong Senior Center

Jim Fortuna Senior Center  
Leroy Clemons Senior Center  
Rebault River Preserve  
Mayport Community Center

**APPROVED**

ii. Ringhaver Park

- The Commission wanted to ensure that sites would be maintained with existing irrigation systems if they were in place, and they were under a warranty.

Vote - Approved

iii. Northbank Riverwalk

- The Commission was briefed on a project for planting of 30 trees along with soil and grass for erosion control at 245 Riverside Ave and extend to northwest to 111 Riverside Ave.
- All trees are Oak and has a 1-year warranty due to having an irrigation system.
- The cost would be approximately \$700 per tree. Contractor explained trees would be visited 100-150 times in the first year.

Vote – Approved

iv. McGrits Creek Restoration

- The Commission was briefed on a project as part of the Preservation Project Jacksonville. Looking to remove Slash Pines and plant trees that can absorb more water due to flooding.
- The cost would be offset by timber and the Forester would be on site during the clearance. The area would also be monitored for 5 years.

Vote – Approved

v. Southern S-Line Enhancement

- Garner Cox presented project of 140 Trees to be planted.
- They would have a 1-year warranty and no Cabbage Palm would be planted.

Vote – Approved

**5. Reports**

- a) Level 2 Tree Projects Update
- b) Fund balance and encumbrance report for 15(F) (Ordinance Tree Fund), 15(N) (Charter Tree Fund) and BJP (Attachment A) – Justin Gearhart
- c) Fund Status of 630-CITY, Remove & Replace and Level 2 Programs (Attachment C) – Justin Gearhart
- d) Status of Pending Level 2 Tree Projects (Attachment B) – Justin G

**6. New Business**

- a) Meeting to go digital – Justin Gearhart

**APPROVED**

**7. Public Comment**

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