

Jacksonville Tree Commission
Wednesday September 20, 2023, – 9:30 AM
For approval October 18, 2023
Via Zoom Platform & In Person

**Commissioners
Present:**

Curtis Hart (Chair)
Susan Fraser
Rhodes Robinson
Nina Sickler
Chris Miller

Staff:

Public: John November, Public Trust
Carol Register, COJ
Scott Sauder, JEA
Mike Zaffaroni, Liberty Landscape
Paul Davis, COJ
Susan Kelly, DIA
Susan Caven, COJ
Jameka Smith, COJ
Jennifer Grable, COJ
Lisa Grubba, Greenscape
Nancy Powell, Scenic Jax
Michael Leoni, COJ
Jeff Lucovsky, COJ
Aaron Hallett, COJ
Jill Enz, COJ
Jonathan Johnston, COJ
Tracey Arpen

Advisors:

Susan Grandin, 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 August 16, 2023, Tree Commission Meeting
 - i. Approved
 - b) Minutes from August 10, 2023, Urban Forestry Management Plan Subcommittee
 - i. Approved

c) Proposed Level 2 Projects

i. District 7 and 10 Corridors-

1. Mr. Gearhart presented the project.
2. Public Comment
3. Vote

i. Approved (Mr. Robinson motion, Ms. Sickler second)

d) Plantings at schools

- i. The Tree Commission expressed desire to re-visit planting at schools.
- ii. Jill Enz and Parks to send their joint use agreement with schools to Public Works for review.
- iii. Agreed that an update would be provided during next month's meeting.

e) Presentation to City Council

- i. The Tree Commission tasked Mr. Gearhart with updating the annual report to be made to City Council.

f) Fund balance and encumbrance report for 15(F) (Ordinance Tree Fund), 15(N) (Charter Tree Fund) and BJP (Attachment A) – Mr. Gearhart

g) Fund Status of 630-CITY, Remove & Replace and Level 2 Programs (Attachment C) – Mr. Gearhart

h) Status of Pending Level 2 Tree Projects (Attachment B) – Mr. Gearhart

5. New Business

a) Lisa Grubba talked about getting Dr. Ed Gilman involved with the Tree Commission.

- i. It was decided that anyone interested in being involved with the Urban Forestry Management Plan Subcommittee should email Mr. Gearhart.

b) A conversation was held regarding Mr. Buck Pittman's email to the Tree Commission

- i. It was agreed that the Pre-App should be considered but measuring its effectiveness would be necessary.

6. Public Comment

7. Adjournment – the next Tree Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18th, 2023, at 9:30am and will be a Hybrid/Zoom meeting in Ed Ball Building, 10th Floor, Public Works Office, conference room 5.