

Tree Committee Meeting

November 10, 2022

10:06 a.m.

Delchamps Room

Members present: May Moss Parker, Craig Tappan, Skip Jones, Patrick Waldrop, Jamie Rollins, Knox McMurphy, and Corey Martin (arrived at 10:13 a.m. & left at 11:10 a.m.). Absent: Joanne Hogan & Paul Fontenot. Gayle Fogarty took minutes.

Patrick Waldrop called the meeting to order. The minutes from the meeting held on April 14, 2022, were reviewed and approved, motioned by Skip Jones and 2nd by Craig Tappan and unanimously carried.

New Business:

There was general discussion of the date and time of Arbor Day for 2023, the City set the date of February 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College.

There was concern among the committee members about the day of Arbor Day, due to Master Gardeners volunteer help on this day. Patrick stated that reformatting the layout of space maybe helpful. He suggested spreading out the seedlings and volunteers by having two volunteers per table with information on the seedlings, and bagging and labeling the seedlings differently. He added that having 400 sheets of information would also be helpful.

There was general discussion of the poster contest and beautification awards. Jamie stated that he will contact the City of Fairhope Building department and get a list of completed commercial projects with a COO for 2022 and share with the committee. Patrick also shared what the Treasured Tree program is and that we have not awarded any in the last few years. It was also suggested that advertising how to plant a tree on social media prior to Arbor Day maybe be helpful to the attendees. Patrick inquired about spending more money on Arbor Day to purchase native azaleas to give out during the event.

Jamie Rollins mentioned to the committee members that he wanted to see more invasive trees removed. He suggested a program where residents could cut down an invasive tree, report it, then receive a voucher to get a free tree from the City. There was general discussion among the committee members on this topic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.