

CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE
Tree Ordinance Study Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2023

Committee Members Present: Glenn Lange (Tree Board), Mary Davis (Tree Board), Neil Brown (Planning Board), Caitlyn Gendusa (Public Works), Virginia Tegel (ESB), Steve Dozier (BAC), Daniel Heyman (Legal), Susan Frady (PEP), Lew Holloway (Community Development), Mark Stierwalt (Public Works), Lyndsey Simpson, Chair (City Council), Debbie Roundtree (City Council)

- I. **Call to Order:** Lyndsey Simpson, Chair called the meeting to order.
- II. **Appointment of Vice Chair:** Neil Brown was appointed as Vice-Chair of the committee after being duly nominated and a unanimous vote of the committee members.
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** Neil Brown, Vice-Chair moved to approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Caitlyn Gendusa moves to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2023 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Discussion of the Working Draft Ordinance:** The Committee discussed the proposed ordinance.

The committee agreed that references to replacing existing trees that die within 5 and 10 years should be deleted as required landscaping is meant to be an ongoing requirement.

There was a discussion on whether trees that are required to be preserved should count towards otherwise required landscaping.

There was a discussion of developing an incentive structure for preserving trees over a certain requirement.

Glenn Lange explained that the Tree Board's goal in the initial proposal was to preserve more trees, particularly big ones, and have them integrated into the site. He isn't completely opposed to required trees counting towards other landscaping requirements.

There was a discussion of what percentage of existing trees should be preserved. Many stated that 50 percent was probably impractical. It was suggested that most communities who have similar requirements don't go higher than 30 percent.

It was suggested that the proposed multifamily buffer should be an 8-foot type A, and that smaller multi-family developments should potentially be exempt.

The committee agreed that there should be the ability to administratively adjust the number of required parking spaces in order to accommodate landscaping.

Mr. Lange clarified that the initial proposal was that all required landscaping would be 75 percent native species, not just vehicular use landscaping.

There was a discussion about the definition of a canopy tree and understory tree.

Daniel Heyman stated he would make further edits consistent with the discussion for review at the next Committee meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

VI. **Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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