

Amending Leon Valley Code of Ordinance Dissolving the Tree Advisory Board

City Council Meeting
Public Works Director Melinda Moritz
December 6, 2022



Purpose

- To consider amending the Leon Valley Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.06 Boards, Commissions, and Committees, Section 1.06.002 Tree Advisory Board, (a), (b), and (c) to dissolve the Tree Advisory Board and assign those duties to the Park Commission
- Options
 - Approve
 - Deny
- Recommendation
 - At City Council discretion

Background

- This item is to consider dissolving the Tree Advisory Board (TAB) and assigning their duties to the Park Commission

Background

- TAB tasked with making recommendations to City Council on variance requests from citizens and the business & development community
- TAB also supports the City's "El Verde by 2025" 10,000 tree planting challenge
- There have occasions in which they didn't have a quorum, resulting in delays to residents & developers
 - Variance requests are not moved forward to the City Council for a final decision until recommendations have been made

Background

- The city has had challenges in obtaining enough volunteers to seat members to the various committees
- In some cases, Committees have had duplicative efforts (Hike & Bike Trail & Pool Advisory)
- The tasks assigned to those two committees should have rightfully been assigned to the Park Commission (those two committees have since been sunsetted)

Background

- Park Commission holds regular meetings & makes recommendations to City Council for the planting of trees and other amenities in city parks
- They are fully capable of hearing & making recommendations for tree variance requests and fulfilling the City's goal of planting 10,000 trees by 2025

Fiscal Impact

- The dissolution will reduce the amount of staff time, and electrical and water usage at city meeting facilities

Recommendation

- At City Council discretion

S.E.E. Statement

- *Social Equity* – Reducing the number of boards, commissions, and committees reduces the possibility of not having enough volunteers and assures all citizens that city business continues smoothly and efficiently
- *Economic Development* – The efficient management of city business assures the development community that their requests for variances will be heard and decided timely, which may result in more economic development
- *Environmental Stewardship* – Having a committee that supports the El Verde by 2025 tree planting challenge will assure the city's goal is met on time and continues to improve the environment