



Town of _____
Micanopy
_____ Florida

August 11, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

Appointment to the Tree Committee

BACKGROUND:

The Town currently has a vacancy on the Tree Committee. The Town has received an application from **Christine Hidad** expressing her interest in serving on the committee. Ms. Hidad is a registered Town voter and has indicated that she has previously served on the Tree Committee approximately ten years ago. Her professional background includes work as an environmental consultant and research scientist affiliated with the University of Florida. She states that she wishes to continue serving the community by helping protect Micanopy's unique tree canopy and historic trees.

The Tree Committee is responsible for assisting the Town with maintaining its Tree City USA designation, maintaining the Town's specimen tree inventory, developing educational materials and outreach efforts, and promoting tree preservation throughout the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Town Commission consider the application submitted by Christine Hidad and, if it determines appropriate, appoint her to fill the vacant position on the Tree Committee for the remainder of the applicable term.

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Application for Service on Board, Committee, or Task Force

Please indicate your preference by checking below:
(Positions are generally for a 3-year term)

☐ Planning & Historic Preservation Board
☐ Code Enforcement Board
☒ Tree Committee

Applicant Name: CHRISTINE HADAD

Physical Address: 715 NE CHOLOKKA BLVD, MICANOPY, FL 32667

Mailing Address: 11

Phone Number: 352 - 234-5305

Email Address: eco@chemist.com

Over 18: ☒

Occupation: RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Registered Town Voter: ☒ Yes or No

Voted in Last Town Election: ☒ Yes or No

Qualifying Experience(s): ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT
" SCIENTIST
" RESEARCHER

Why do you wish to serve? I HAVE SERVED PREVIOUSLY 10
YEARS AGO, I'VE BEEN REQUESTED
TO SERVE TO PROTECT MICANOPY'S
UNIQUE TREE CANOPY & HISTORIC TREES.

Appointed: _____
(Date)

The Town of Micanopy Land Development Code provides for three citizen boards to broaden citizen involvement in the important issues facing Micanopy. The members of each board shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from among the members and may create and fill other offices as the board deems needed. Citizen involvement in Town governance is critical to the future of our Town and to maintaining a consistent set of policies governing growth and development within our borders. Members are appointed by the Town Commission and may be removed without notice and without assignment of cause by a majority vote of the Town Commission. This guideline provides information regarding the different boards, their duties and composition, and requests your involvement in Town governance by asking for your participation in filling all of these boards.

Planning and Historic Preservation Board (P&HPB): The Planning and Historic Preservation Board consists of five members, appointed to staggered three-year terms, and an architect serving as an advisor to the Board. In addition to the planning-related and historic preservation-related duties and responsibilities assigned in the Land Development Code (LDC), the P&HPB members shall obtain and maintain information on population, property values, the land economy, land use and other information necessary to assess the amount, direction and type of development to be expected in Town. Additionally, the Board shall monitor and oversee the operation, effectiveness and status of the Code and recommend amendments consistent with the comprehensive plan to the Town Commission. It is the P&HPB's responsibility to keep the Commission and general public informed on the Town's land use policies and status of historic preservation efforts and compliance. Those applicants with experience or interest in the field of planning and/or historic preservation shall receive special consideration from the Commission when applying for membership to the Board.

Code Enforcement Board: The Code Enforcement Board consists of five members and two alternate members, appointed to staggered three-year terms. Its duties are to hear cases regarding violations of the Land Development Code (LDC) and the Building Code; subpoena violators, witnesses, and evidence; take testimony under oath; issue orders commanding actions necessary to bring code violations into compliance; and impose fines, as necessary.

Tree Committee: The Tree Committee consists of three members, appointed to staggered three-year terms, whose members are recommended by the Mayor and approved by the Commission. The Tree Committee's responsibilities shall include: 1) Annual Application for Tree City USA Certification, 2) Preparation and maintenance of an updated specimen tree inventory and their locations, 3) Preparation and maintenance of a tree brochure for residents, 4) Preparation and maintenance of a tree walking tour for visitors, and 5) Act as the public relations coordinators for tree-related education and outreach events of the Town.