

TREE BOARD MEETING (CITY HALL)
October 15, 2024; 4:30 PM
Woodcreek, Texas
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGES

ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT

Chair Iris Ramos
Terri Burney-Bisett
Cheryl Mills
Judy Newton
Liaison Krista Richardson

ABSENT

Co- Chair Jacob McElroy

CITY STAFF PRESENT

City Clerk Taffy Barker

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Regular Tree Board Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2024.
Motion was made by Cheryl Mills to approve Regular Tree Board Minutes from September 9, 2024, motion was seconded by Judy Newton.
A vote by show of hands was called motion passed 4-0-0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. REPORT FROM TREE BOARD LIAISON

- a. We Love Trees awarded City arborist contract and Oak Wilt contract
- b. Budget approved for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$3800.
- c. Tree City application is almost completed, just needs to meet with Jim on some financials.
- d. City Council wants more details about type of trees and where Tree Board wants to plant.
- e. 1 tree will be removed on Champions Court for citizen safety.

3. Discussion with possible action regarding final planning, coordination and advertising for Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Give Away (Nov 9, 2024) (Mills).

All 25 trees bought for Tree Giveaway have been claimed. 11 more people are currently on the waitlist. Krista putting on next City council agenda to purchase additional trees cost of \$250. Iris will reach out to We Love Trees to see if they will plant the tree and be available for questions. Plan B would be to have Becket Land Improvement plant the tree. Cheryl Mills would like to purchase a banner for Tree Give-Away at a cost of \$153. Communication with Parks Board as to where tree should be planted at Augusta Park. Arrive at 8:00 AM on event date for set up.

Motion was made by Iris Ramos to request from City council additional money to purchase 25 more trees for give-away and seconded by Terri Burney-Bisett.

A vote by show of hands was called motion passed 4-0-0

4. Discuss status and implementation of tree care management plan committee regarding collaboration and interviewing with certified arborist (We Love Trees) for select trees (i.e.: removing dead trees and replacing with potential new plantings. (Ramos)
The management committee is looking into removal of dead trees and replacing with new after removal. They will also look into the cost estimate of trees, no oaks. Wants to clean up islands on Brookmeadow. Oak wilt assessments by we love trees., and coordination with Jim Burdon of city hall.
5. Status report regarding giveaway saplings' health with discussion re ongoing needs and maintenance. (McElroy)
Cheryl Mills will contact Jacob McElroy about sapling health
6. Status and Discussion re plans for seasonal community education—posters for Oak Wilt and Tree Trimming; reviewing and refreshing educational materials in shed bin. (Newton, Burne-Bissett)
Discussion on purchasing community posters for Oak wilt and tree trimming. Terri Burney-Bisett and Judy Newton are going to try and get new materials for give-away.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Discussion with possible action to discuss re tabled city-wide fruit orchard idea (Newton, McElroy)
Chair Iris Ramos will look more into the Orchard Grant. It will require a lot of prep, planning and maintenance.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 9, 2024 next Tree Board Meeting, Board approved

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM

Iris Ramos - Chair

Taffy Barker – City of Woodcreek