

City of Galveston Tree Committee Meeting

Zoom Meeting

January 26, 2021

11:00 A.M.

(409) 797-3700

Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order

Nancy Greenfield called to order the regular meeting of the City of Galveston Tree Committee at 11:00 A.M. on January 26, 2021 via ZOOM.

II. Roll Call

Committee members present: Nancy Greenfield, Chris Arneson, Vicki Blythe, Erin Brucia, Kathy Maines, Nan Wilson

Community members present: Priscilla Files, Cesar Garcia, Tony Gonzales, Megan Pierce, Susan Roth

III. Review and Approve Minutes

Motion to approve by Nan Wilson. 2nd by Chris Arneson

IV. Discussion and/or Action

A. Education – GISD Oppe Elementary: report by Nan Wilson

- Oppe Elementary 4th grade will give us 2 dates to choose from for our visit. They are planting a pecan tree in memory of a teacher who passed away from COVID-19. We may combine their event with our educational visit.

B. Update 2020 Tree City USA Submission: report by Nancy Greenfield

- No update received regarding 2020 status.
- Training is available through Tree Board University hosted by Arbor Day Foundation. Training about trees, people, and serving in a citizen advisory role. Nancy will email the link.

C. Update West End Dog Park: Report by Priscilla Files and Cesar Garcia

- Through a research project at Stephen F Austin University, there are 100's of trees at Moody Gardens being given away if you can move them. The Tree Conservancy has received funding for moving additional trees to the dog park. We have until the end of March to move them.
- The city is hoping to purchase a tree spade and stump grinder. They are working on drainage grating, then will apply mulch and wait 6 weeks.

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Hoping for an early spring grand opening. Perhaps ribbon cutting with the Chamber of Commerce.

D. Board Member/City Council Reports/Updates: No report

E. Tree and Palm Discussion: Report by Priscilla Files

- Tree Worker Certification Program is being planned.

F. Update from Susan Roth, ISA Certified Arborist

- Diamond Beach trees had a 1-year warranty and are to be replaced (hopefully in April) with Sabal Palms. Per Cesar Garcia, city will take over care in June.
- Contact for Code Enforcement for trees illegally removed is: Butch Stroud 409-797-3660 and 409-797-3611.

V. Report from Cesar Garcia

- “We are investing in our people.” Four staff members have been to irrigation training.
- Parks Department will erect flags and stickers annually, as needed, for Tree City USA updates.
- Helping Nan Wilson at Burnett Elementary by installing a water spigot.
- Would like guidance from Arborists regarding tree replacement. Are tree autopsies needed? Same tree will be planted. Cesar Garcia will send location of trees that need to be replaced to Priscilla Files and Susan Roth. Trees must be cared for after planting.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Nancy Greenfield at 11:38 am

Next Meeting Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 11:00 am

Minutes by Kathy Maines