

**The City of Lake Worth Tree Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
August 10, 2023

**Call to order:** 6:08

**Members Present:** D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** David McGrew, City Horticulturist/Board Advisor

**Agenda additions, deletions, reordering:** None

**Approval of minutes:** Tabled to a future meeting.

**Reports:**

G. Powell asked about the beach dune invasive plant removal. The advisor reported that the Grounds maintenance division did receive a quote and that should be Added to the FY23?24 budget.

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G. Powell also asked about the South Palmway median project. The Advisor reported that a proposal and plan was not submitted by the former board member who resigned. The board then discussed not moving forward with the project.

**New Business:**

- A. New Board introductions and orientation.

Tabled to a future meeting when the new members are present.

- B. Updated Tree Board ordinance discussion

The board discussed the updated Tree and landscape Board Ordinance. The major changes are reducing the members from seven to five and that the membership of the Tree and Landscape board shall include two (2) members to the extent available who have certifications, licenses and/or education/training/degree in on of the following areas: landscape architect, botany. Ecology, horticulture, agriculture sustainability or a related field. The remaining members shall be members at large, who have demonstrated an interest, appreciation, understanding and/or knowledge of south Florida friendly landscapes.

The assistant City manager stopped in to ask if the Florida Friendly Landscaping principles addresses hedge height. The advisor responded that it does not specify hedge height and that he recommended that the city follow the Department of Transportation standards. Mr. Brown informed the board that the hedges in the lower parking lot would be pruned to addresses sight line issues.

- C. Quarterly advisory board to the City Commission discussion.

The Board discussed the quarterly updates to the commission. The advisor reported that the reports to the commission would be changing from appearing before the commission to written reports using a form provided by the City Clerk's office.

**Old Business:**

- A. Landscape webpage update

The advisor reported that the city webpage updates are being finalized and should go live soon and informed the board about some of the requested changes such as removing an outdated Florida Friendly landscape publication, grouping topics together, adding pruning and plant selection tabs and a tab for additional resources.

B. Tree Board Community outreach-Brochure update

The board discussed the Let's go plant trees Brochure. The advisor reported that he did receive the photos from G. Powell and asked her to come to the office to view the photos and add them to the brochure.

C. Arbor Day Observance-Tree planting

The advisor reported that the Arbor Day Observance is scheduled to be held at 10:00 AM on September 30, 2023, at the City Hall Annex. The board then discussed the event. D. Kerner asked about Tree City USA road signs. The advisor responded that there are currently two Tree City USA signs: one at the 6<sup>th</sup> Ave South entrance sign and the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave N entrance sign. D. Kerner asked about purchasing additional signs to be installed at all city entrances. The advisor reported that he would investigate it and report back to the board.

D. Discuss and plan a targeted tree giveaway

The board discussed the date for the giveaway which is April 27, 2024. The advisor reported that he did research on how other cities conduct their tree giveaways with most of them requiring pre-registration and residency requirements. He then informed the board about grant opportunities that can be used to plant trees. The board discussed the various grants. The advisor will send the grant information to the board.

**Adjourned: 7:15 PM**