



MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH
TREE AND LANDSCAPE BOARD REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 -- 6:03 PM

ROLL CALL AND RECORDING OF ABSENCES Present were: Diane Brown, Donna Kerner, Ginny Powell, Priscilla Hallowell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/REORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA Old Business Item A will be heard first due to Staff time constraints. Discussion of Memorial options for D. McGrew will be added to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3-MINUTE LIMIT) None

REPORTS: ADVISOR, CHAIR, COMMITTEE(S), AND BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

Interviews will soon be conducted for Landscape Planner.

If the Board sees trees that need attention (i.e. damaged), in the R-O-W or on public property, please inform Public Works as that would be handled by grounds maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential memorial for Dave McGrew. Discussion of whether a plaque or new tree planting would be preferred. Thank you to Dave for his 22 years of work and dedication. Board members express their gratitude and many others expressed how good he was at what he liked to do. Saturday is the Celebration of Life at Phipps Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Bryant Park shade tree plantings:
 - a. Discussion of upcoming planting(s): confirm date & location

Introduction of Mina Tawadros, Public Works and Jake Larson from Leisure Services. Discussion of mapped location of recent tree plantings. Scott Ropp will ensure the gate is open on President's Day and take care of the watering.

Mina discusses/ explains possible planting dates. December trees have become self-sufficient. Unsure if the current date will allow the newest plantings (February) to be self-sufficient in time for new plantings. Staff has limited time to care for watering due to other upcoming activities.

Board members believe it could happen in March 10 and 17, prior to becoming too hot. If Paul(?) could let Mina know via email or phone call whether the February plantings will be self-sufficient by mid-March, the date for the newest planting could be scheduled.

Bulb-outs in streets in the R-O-W around Lake & Lucerne with missing trees. The trees may have been involved in an accident or not planted. FDOT and COLWB have an agreement regarding lifted pavers. Shade trees would not be allowed and most likely Palms will be utilized. Mina explains the City must consider the tree types due to liabilities. Board members would like to provide a list of shade trees, other than live oak, that could be utilized. Palms do not provide the shade the Board is seeking. Mina questions the type of root systems those trees on the list may have. He has counted up to 17 trees.

Question as to whether Public Works was involved with Howard Park plantings and Community Greening. **Response:** No

B. Public outreach projects:

- a. Sustainable Yard Series: dates, promotional efforts, location

Board discussed availability of public space for the Sustainable Yard Series for May 7, 2025. The Board discusses whether a donation would be possible. A. Greening states it could be utilized under educational purposes from the Tree Restoration Fund.

May -Gardening for Wildlife; followed by Birds & Butterflies; Native Plants. Wednesday is a good night for the speaker. A raffle/giveaway for plants at the event. Discussion of native plant or gift card redeemable at nurseries. A. Greening explains the Tree Restoration Fund does not belong to the Tree Board, it is a City Fund.

Social media is provided by Leisure Services. Rebecca Seelig, PIO, can design the flyer describing the planting and how often it would be needed.

- b. Brochure(s): updates and web postings

Regulations are quite different from what they used to be. FAQ's are included however suggests that she sit down with staff to discover/clarify the minimum requirements. The regulations are confusing. FAQ's on the website would be helpful. Community Sustainability will work with Crabtree for the brochure production. Rebecca would then be able to post to social media sites; Keith Sullivan, webmaster, would publish to the City website.

ADJOURNMENT