

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2023

Call to order: 6:20

Members Present: P. Hallowell, G. Powell, D. Brown, B. Jungles

Members Absent: D. Kerner

Staff Present: David McGrew, City Horticulturist/Board Advisor

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: None

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the September 21, 2023, were presented for adoption. Motion made by D. Brown to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by B. Jungles

Yays: 4 Nays: 0

Reports: The advisor D. McGrew reported that the board will be receiving training on the Sunshine law, ethics, and the hazard tree removal preemption statute.

B. Jungles spoke about protected trees on Palm Beach. The advisor reported that he would be including protections for specimen/landmarked trees in the next round of landscape ordinance revisions.

New Business:

Old Business:

- A. Tree City USA application update. The advisor reported on the Arbor Day tree planting event and the status of the Tree City USA application which will be submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation for approval.
- B. Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees (NEST) update-Tree Planting in Bryant Park
The advisor reported that the Neighbors Encouraging Shade Trees request to use Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to plant trees in Bryant Park will be discussed at the November 7, 2023, regular commission meeting. G. Powell gave an overview of the NEST tree Planting request. The board discussed possible planting locations.
- C. Update on quarterly report to the City Commission
The advisor informed the board that the Tree and landscape Board quarterly report was in progress and that it would include the Nest tree planting recommendation and any backup documents.
- D. Beach Dune invasive plant removal update
The advisor reported that he communicated with Public Works staff about this project and was informed that this project was not funded. The advisor then asked board member B. Jungles if he could meet with him to assess the invasive plants and give advice on the invasive plants on the dune. B. Jungles agreed to meet on location.
- E. Beach landscape inspection and renovation
Powell informed the board that she met with the board advisor to review the beach landscape and went over some of the challenges at the site such as wrong plant-wrong place and irrigation issues. The board then discussed the possibility of Tree and Landscape Board members doing some minor maintenance as volunteers. The advisor will check to see if volunteers are allowed. The advisor told the board that Leisure Services has full time staff that pick trash and do some minor maintenance, Grounds Maintenance staff also does maintenance which includes tree trimming, and that the contractor is responsible for most of the maintenance including

trimming the Sable Palms. The board then discussed Sabal palm trimming.

New board member Priscilla Hallowell introduced herself to the board and informed the board that she is a master gardener and that she is looking forward to working with the board.

Adjourned: 8:04 PM