

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
City Hall Conference Room
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2022

Call to order: 6:10

Members Present: D. Kerner, R. Stowe, G. Powell, D. Brown, A. Gottlieb

Members Absent: None

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering:

Motion made by R. Stowe to move Old Business item d to Old Business item a.

Public Attendance : None

Approval of minutes: -January 13, 2023 Regular Meeting and January 27, 2022 Workshop Meeting. Approved unanimously

Reports: None

New Business:

A. Fusion Grant Discussion

The Board discussed the Fusion Grant which is being administered by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office. This grant will be used to plant 23 Native Green Buttonwood and Gumbo Limbo along 12 Ave South. The trees will be situated in order to avoid overhead utility lines.

B. 1801 22nd Ave North

The advisor D. McGrew will schedule a site visit with the Vice-Chair R. Stowe to evaluate the site for invasive plant removal and replanting with native trees and shrubs. Mayor Resch mentioned the idea of turning the site into a park.

Old Business

A. Grant Update-Florida Department Forest Service Urban and Community Forest Grant Opportunities update from Jerry Kelly.

Mr. Kelly informed the Board on the grant application process including City Commission Approval process.

B. Beach Dune update

The advisor informed the Board that he will meet with Grounds Maintenance staff to identify the invasive plants to be removed by City staff and contractors.

G.Powell will identify the Native Scaevola plumieri. Common name Inkberry.

C. Training Manual Update

The advisor informed the Board that the funding for the training was in progress. The funds must be transferred from the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund to the Grounds Maintenance Operations fund which requires City Commission approval. The advisor informed the Board that he will meet with Felipe Lofaso and Mike Pierce to discuss further.

G.Powell informed the Board that the landscape consultant Lisa Hammer recommended that she write clear concise contract specifications rather than a training manual. The training manual will be revisited at a later date.

D. South Palmway Median update.

G. Powell Gave the Board an update on her interactions with the South Palm Park Neighborhood Association.

E. Brochure update

The advisor gave the Board an update on reprinting the “Let’s Go Plant Trees” brochure. The brochure must conform to the City’s current design, color scheme and layout. Board members will send the advisor corrections to the existing brochure and R The Chair asked about the process for getting blurbs published on the website. The advisor informed that we should send them to him and he will send them to Lauren Bennett, Leisure Services Director, who will decide if they will go on the website.

R. Stowe will edit and update the tree list from the existing brochure.

F. Landscape Webpage update

The advisor reminded the Board to review the webpage and to use the link provided for comments and corrections. The advisor also requested that Board members send any photos that they would like to be considered for inclusion on the webpage.

The Vice chair informed the Board that he was hosting an Earth Day event at MTN Space on May 22, 2022. He also told the Board about his trip to Abocoa in Jupiter, Florida and his observations on the plantings.

Adjourned: 7:35 PM