

**The City of Lake Worth Tree Board**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
September 8, 2022

**Call to order:** 6:08

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Public Attendance :** None

**Approval of minutes:** None

**Reports:**

- Advisor D. McGrew reported to the board that 2 artificial turf case were heard by the Code Compliance Special Magistrate who ruled in favor of the City. The property owners must remove the artificial turf and replace it with living groundcover within 90 days or a \$75.00 a day fine will be imposed.
- The advisor also reported at the trees were removed from the 307-313 N L St Properties and that the developer is required to pay \$45,600 into the tree canopy restoration fund prior to receiving the certificate of occupancy.

**New Business:**

**A. Tree Board Projects and Priorities**

The chair D. Kerner Reviewed each item with the board.

- Presentations to Neighborhood accociations topics to include Landscape regulations, proper pruning, tree selection, proper planting and placement, and minimum landscape requirements for residential properties.
- City website- Board members to send links and photos to advisor.
- Informational blurbs for City website and social media-Pollinators (Donna), Native Plants (Ginny), Shade trees (Diane) and Mahoney trees (Giovanna).
- Board member Education- Discussion with Community Sustainability Director, William Waters (October) and Landscape ordinance review with David McGrew, City Horticulturist.
- Targeted Tree Giveaway-City could initiate a tree giveaway to properties that do not have the required shade tree in the front yard. Or The utility could give a rebate of \$50.00 For planting a shade tree suggested by G. Powell who learned saw that Portland Oregon had this in place while vacationing.

**B. Board discussion on topics for discussion with William Waters, Director of Community Sustainability who will attend the October 13, 2022 Tree Board meeting.**

- Tree boards role in Sustainability
- Brochure and publications- funding and design. And the Board's role in designing brochures and publications.
- Webpage
- Tree planting along Dixie Highway, lake and Lucerne Avenues
- Gulfstream Hotel Oak tree Reloaction.

## **Old Business**

### **A. Training Manual Update (Landscape Maintenance Specifications)**

Public Services staff, the tree board advisor D. McGrew and G. Powell met with horticulture consultant, Lisa Hammer on September 8, 2022 to discuss the draft of the landscape specifications and provided the consultant comments and suggested edits. The consultant will incorporate the comments and will add photos and graphics to the specifications.

### **B. South Palmway Median update.**

The Board agreed to table this item to a date uncertain. G.Powell reported that she spoke the secretary for the South Palm Park Neighborhood Association and sent here a "Pruning for Homeowners" Video. The advisor suggested that the Board reach out to the Neighborhood Association Presidents Council once presentations are completed to inform them that The Tree Board along with the City Horticulturist are available to attend Neighborhood Association meetings to speak on various topics relating to trees and landscape.

### **C. Tree Board community Outreach**

Tabled to a date uncertain.

### **D. Landscape Webpage update**

Tabled to a date uncertain.

**Adjourned:** 7:52 PM