

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2024

Call to order: 6:07 PM

Members Present: D. Kerner, G. Powell, D. Brown, P. Hollowell

Members Absent: B. Jungles

Staff Present: David McGrew, City Horticulturist/Board Advisor

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: None

Approval of minutes: tabled to future meeting.

Reports: Advisor, Chair, Committee(s), and board member updates

Red tags for tree abuse-The advisor reported the legal department recommend the City not pursue this procedure because it is possible the property owner may argue that such posting is a temporary taking or that the regulation requiring such posting is arbitrary, unreasonable, or not reasonably related to achieving tree preservation.

P. Hollowell asked about putting notices on city property when trees are being removed as to why they are being removed.

G. Powell asked if removing all of the fronds except for the spear leaf from a Sabal Palm in an alley was tree abuse. The advisor responded that the palm was trimmed as part of the utility line clearing and that it was not tree abuse.

G. Powell reported that she checked the website and overall, it looked good with a few text changes and updated photos.

P. Howell asked about educating the public about planting and maintaining trees planted in the right-of-way.

D. Kerner asked about protecting specimen trees. The advisor responded that there is a code section that references champion, historic and specimen trees that needs to be revised to include owner's consent to have the tree designated.

New Business: No New Business

Old Business:

- A. Bryant Park tree planting update – discuss and develop scope of work for tree plantings and giveaways. The advisor distributed scopes of work for various projects for the board to use as a reference. The board discussed and drafted the scope of work for the Bryant Park tree planting RFQ.

Adjourned 8:00 PM