

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

Call to order: 6:03

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

Members Absent: D. Brown

Due to the lack of a quorum the meeting was converted to a workshop.

Agenda additions, deletions, reordering: None

Public Attendance: Monica Bilotti and Richard Stowe who requested that the board support the banning of requiring of sod on vacant lots and requiring native groundcovers. He also requested that the board support the banning of artificial turf in the ordinance.

Approval of minutes: None due to lack of quorum.

Reports: G. Timor gave the board an update on her research of tree trimmer licensing in Pinecrest. She reported that even though they have a program to license tree trimmers they still have problems with unlicensed tree trimmers. Staff at Pine Crest suggested that she reach out to Coral Gables because they recently updated their regulations.

New Business:

A. Follow up discussion on the October 13, 2022 meeting with William Waters

Tabled to next meeting in order to allow the board to thoroughly review the minutes.

B. Tree Board Update to the commission

The board discussed the Tree Board update to the City Commission. Topics to include the updated landscape specifications, the Beach and Casino landscape report, edits to the existing Let's go plant trees brochure, Landscape webpage, Florida Friendly landscape principal's presentation to the Tropical Ridge Neighborhood Association, the beach dune invasive plant removal project

Old Business

A. Landscape Maintenance Specifications Update

G. Powell gave an update to the board on the landscape specifications. The City has received the final draft.

B. South Palmway Median update.

Ginny gave an update to the board and the public present about the history of this item. Started as a complaint about the trimming of the entire median. It was suggested to do that a demonstration garden in the 500 block. The board tabled this topic to a date uncertain in order to concentrate on other priorities. Former Board member Monica Bilotti volunteered to take on this project as a member of the public. She informed the board that she did an informal poll of the residents on the 500 block by asking multiple residents if they were interested in the project. Nine out of ten residents that she spoke to supported the project. She showed the board her "vision boards" and plant lists. The board discussed possible funding and neighborhood support. Monica volunteered to reach out to the neighborhood association to gauge the interest of the entire neighborhood. Richard suggested to meet with the neighborhood association board of directors to get their support he also volunteered to assist Monica with this project. D. McGrew will reach

out to the association president to see about attending a board meeting to get their support before taking it to the association as a whole. The board agreed that they were in support of this project. G. Timor agrees to attend the meetings as a representative of the board.

C. Tree Board community Outreach

The advisor D. McGrew informed the board that he was waiting on confirmation that the Tree Canopy Restoration Fund was changed from a Public Works account to Community Sustainability.

D. Landscape Webpage update

G. Powell informed the board that she has been reviewing the existing webpage and reported that some of the links are not working and suggested that the board look for more links and photos to add to the page.

Adjourned: 7:52 PM