
**Tree Advisory Committee Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2024 – 6:00 pm**

One Justice Square
446 West Crogan Street, 1st floor, Conference Room 106
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Present: Derrick Williams, Hilda Estrella de Lev, Olayinka Aiyere, Patrick Carey,
Patrick Kien, Roxanne Raven, Steve Sappington, Thomas J. DeAngelo

Staff: Cyndi Sloan, Rinda Grooms, Sharon Cook, Patricia Huguenard

A. Call To Order

6:03pm

B. Determination of a quorum

A quorum was present.

C. Announcements

Patrick Carey, Chairman called the meeting to order and after informal introductions, new member Roxanne Raven was introduced.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

{Motion to Approve: Steve Sappington; Second: Patrick Kien; Approved; Vote: 8-0: Derrick Williams-Yes; Hilda Estrella de Lev-Yes; Olayinka Aiyere-Yes; Patrick Carey-Yes; Patrick Kien-Yes; Roxanne Raven-Yes; Steve Sappington-Yes; Thomas J. DeAngelo-Yes}

E. Approval of the Minutes – January 8, 2024

{Motion to Approve: Patrick Kien; Second: Thomas DeAngelo; Approved; Vote: 6-2: Derrick Williams-Yes; Hilda Estrella de Lev-Yes; Olayinka Aiyere-Abstain; Patrick Carey-Yes; Patrick Kien-Yes; Roxanne Raven-Abstain; Steve Sappington-Yes; Thomas J. DeAngelo-Yes}

F. Old Business

a. Front Yard Tree Program (can we use AI and GIS to maximize suitable targets)
Patrick Carey – Viewing low tree areas on the Gwinnett County GIS a motion was made to form a subcommittee to look further into the front yard program.

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b. Discuss Registered Forester – Vacant Position

An arborist, a forester, a landscape architect, or someone with special knowledge about forestry would be suitable for the position.

G. New Business

a. Tree Stewardship Program

The Tree Stewardship Program will be discussed at the next meeting.

b. Discuss topics for the tree ordinance rewrite

Once the consultant is selected by the end of March, the Tree Advisory Committee will bring ideas into the rewrite. Staff will report to the committee and the committee will give their feedback. Going forward there may be a representative from the Tree Advisory Committee that would present at public meetings.

H. Other Business

a. Staff Report

Patricia Huguenard presented the Staff Report summarizing action items and notating updates.

I. Adjournment

6:55pm

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