

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

One Justice Square

4446 West Crogan Street, 1st floor, Conference Room 106

Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Present: Hilda Estrella de Lev, Patrick Carey, Patrick Kien, Roxanne Raven, Steve Sappington

Absent: Derrick Williams, Olayinka Alyere, Thomas J. DeAngelo

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

Guest: John Butler, Department of Water Resources Outreach Manager

A. Call To Order

6:00pm

B. Determination of a quorum

A quorum was present.

C. Announcements

Patrick Carey, Chairman called the meeting to order.

Patricia Huguenard introduced Calvin Kom, Development Review Planner I, he has a background in landscape architecture, and will begin attending and participating in the Tree Advisory Committee meetings.

D. Adoption of the Agenda

{Motion to Approve: Roxanne Raven; Second: Patrick Kien; Approved; Vote: 5-0: Hilda Estrella de Lev-Yes; Patrick Carey-Yes; Patrick Kien-Yes; Roxanne Raven-Yes; Steve Sappington-Yes}

E. Approval of the Minutes – March 4, 2024

{Motion to Approve: Steve Sappington; Second: Hilda Estrella de Lev; Approved; Vote: 5-0: Hilda Estrella de Lev-Yes; Patrick Carey-Yes; Patrick Kien-Yes; Roxanne Raven-Yes; Steve Sappington-Yes}

F. Old Business

Old Business was discussed after the presentation by John Butler.

G. New Business

- a. John Butler, Department of Water Resources Outreach Manager, shared a presentation on the Water Conservation in Gwinnett how they operate through various partnerships with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District on techniques that divert less water from rivers, bays, and estuaries, to help keep the environment healthy. They also implement water conservation on an educational, individual, infrastructure, and facilities management levels.
- b. Tree Advisory Subcommittee Members Hilda Estrella de Lev and Roxanne Raven provided an update on the Front Yard Tree Program by sharing information through interviews with outreach programs and Nurseries on how to get the program started.
- c. Patricia Huguenard, Development Project Manager provided an update on the Request for Proposal on the Tree Ordinance rewrite by stating she is still in the process of working with the Finance Department, and the Planning Department. The recommendation of consultant goes before the Board of Commissioners on June 4th.

H. Other Business

- a. Staff Report
Patricia Huguenard highlighted the new action items.

I. Adjournment

7:10pm

{Motion to Approve: Patrick Kien; Second: Steve Sappington; Approved; Vote: 5-0: Hilda Estrella de Lev-Yes; Patrick Carey-Yes; Patrick Kien-Yes; Roxanne Raven-Yes; Steve Sappington-Yes}