

Town of James Island
Tree Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, 4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Garrett Milliken (Environment & Beautification Committee Chair), David Tomblin (Appointed by Dan Boles), Amy Fabri (Appointed by Troy Mullinax), Paul Cantrell & Jenny Welch (Appointed by Cynthia Mignano), Kathy Woolsey (Appointed by Mayor Woolsey),
Absent Member: Robin Hardin

Meeting commenced at 4:31 pm

I. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Mr. Tomblin Second by Ms. Fabri.

Motion carried

II. Purchase of Canopy Award Signs

Ms. Fabri said the signs are \$8.00 each.

The Chair made a motion to purchase 10 residential and 10 business recognition signs. Mrs. Woolsey seconded the motion. Discussion.

The Chair encouraged discussion of who to award the Canopy of Distinction. Program would be announced via the Town's Facebook page for citizen suggestions. Mr. Cantrell suggested a form on the Town's website for people to nominate awardees.

The Chair asked how often to award? Quarterly seemed to be the consensus once the program gets off the ground. How many to award per quarter?

Mr. Tomblin suggested giving an award for tree stewards as well as one for the trees.

Motion was amended to purchase 10 tree steward signs and 10 Canopy of Distinction signs. Motion carried.

III. Update on Tree Survey

Mark Johnson gave update. No submittals for tree interns. Will put out a call in November for applications for the spring.

IV. Review of TOJI Tree Ordinance

The Chair asked members to review and share thoughts at the October meeting. Consider protection of different types of trees. Should we adopt different standards for other types of trees. Should understory trees be protected? Consider protecting different types of trees and not just live oaks.

Ms. Crane has a spreadsheet comparing other municipalities tree ordinances. She will distribute to the committee members. She suggested adding tree mitigation costs to the current tree ordinance.

We need to focus on planting trees and what type of trees to plant.

Ms. Crane suggested allowing homeowners to plant a tree in lieu of \$25 tree removal fee.

V. Tree Seedling Program

Mrs. Woolsey gave an update. Suggested giving the seedlings away at Arbor Day festivities. Mark Johnson suggested giving seedlings out at his upcoming Public Works Expo.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting is October 12, 2021 at 4:30 pm.