

**Town of James Island
Minutes of Tree Advisory Council
Tuesday, September 12, 2023; 4:30pm
IN PERSON MEETING**

Attending:

Tree Council Members: David Tomblin, Gary Milliken, Kathy Woolsey & Robin Hardin

Staff: Kristin Cane

- I. Minutes of the June 13, 2023, TOJI Tree Council Meeting were approved
- II. Canopy Award Nominations: Kathy Woolsey has noted an outstanding Magnolia tree for our consideration. She will get and share the address.
- III. For the Good of the Order:
 - * Discussed pending Town elections and transitions. Gary will be leaving Town Council and his replacement will be the new liaison to the Tree Council.
 - * Discussed future endeavors of the Tree Council and the need to increase members' meeting attendance and participation.
 - * To document what has been accomplished to this point, Gary volunteered to write up and distribute a description of the Tree Council's mission and accomplishments. *This document is included with these Minutes.*
 - * Gary and David will contact current members to determine their interest and willingness to continue to serve.
 - Ideas for future goals were given. They included: 1) Establishing a Homeowner Street Tree program where residents may request a new tree and, ideally, have it planted by a professional tree planting service; 2) Identifying "bald patches" on roadways and filling them with trees, even if this involves planting new trees on City property; 3) And increasing the scope of our Arbor Day celebration. We will continue to work on our goals until the Town election and, then, with our new liaison and possible new members, cement them.

The next meeting of the TOJI Tree Council will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 4:30pm in TOJI Town Hall.