



## Agenda

### Wilmington Tree Commission Regular Meeting



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**9:30 – 11:00 AM, September 17, 2025**

1. Call to order; note presence of quorum.
2. Review and approve minutes from August 20, 2025 (VOTE)
3. Presentation from the City of Wilmington Planning and Development Department, “Tree Ordinance and Enforcement”
4. **Heritage Tree Awards** – Update
5. Strategic Plan Updates
  - a. **Community Education to the Public**

Goal: Give presentations to three professional organizations that influence new community members on the value of trees and maintaining the tree canopy in Wilmington within 1-2 years.

Follow-Up Items: Investigate local nurseries to be included in the pursuit of this goal.
  - b. **Tree Ordinance and Enforcement**

Goal: Analyze current tree ordinance and recommend an amendment to the Land Development Code to increase tree retention in all new development within 2 years.

Follow-Up Items: Receiving presentation regarding the current tree ordinance followed by a presentation from the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees in October to discuss their policy recommendations.
  - c. **Partnerships and Collaboration**

Goal: Create a spreadsheet and score card with statistics regarding number of volunteers, volunteer hours, trees distributed and use to provide updates to the public, determine the impact of work completed, and evaluate current practices within 2 years.

Follow-Up Items: Identify volunteer hours and events attended in the previous fiscal year.
6. Isabelle Shepherd - Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
7. New Business
  - Fire in the Pines Activity Planning and Volunteers – October 4, 2025, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM at Halyburton Park
  - Other Upcoming Events:
    - o Tree Fest – January
    - o NC Arbor Day – March
    - o National Arbor Day – April
    - o Earth Day Festival - April

Next Meeting is October 15, 2025, at 9:30 A.M., 929 N. Front St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 269.

a) Adjourn –