



Agenda

Wilmington Tree Commission Regular Meeting



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9:30 – 11:00 AM, April 22, 2026

1. Call to order; note presence of quorum.
2. Review and approve minutes from February 25, 2026 and March 25, 2026 (VOTE)
3. Presentation – Wilmington Tree Ordinance Updates by the Planning and Development Department
4. **Heritage Tree Awards – Update**
 - a. Review applications.
 - i. 5814 Masters Lane (VOTE)
 - ii. 2021 Corporate Drive (Olsen Park) (VOTE)
 - iii. 4418 Park Avenue (VOTE)
 - b. Heritage Tree Health Status Update Project
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: Explore potential for presentations in the economic development and business community on green infrastructure and tree planting enhancements.
 - 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: Review the Land Development Code, Code and Canopy (ACFT), and benchmark city codes. Develop native tree preference lists for urban areas, low soil quality, and for above/under utilities to be potentially folded into the Technical Standards.
 - 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: Continuing tracking events and volunteer hours. Set next target for data collection.
6. Staff Reports
 - a. Sally Thigpen – Asset and Property Management
 - b. Aaron Reese – Asset and Property Management, Urban Forestry

- c. Haley Hopkins – Planning and Development
- 7. Isabelle Shepherd - Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
- 8. New Business
 - Upcoming Events:
 - o National Arbor Day – April 24, 2026
 - o Native Plant Festival – September
 - o Fire in the Pines – October
 - o Additional events of interest to the Commission

Next Meeting is May 27, 2026, at 9:30 AM, 929 N. Front St., 1st Floor Azalea Room (154H).

- a) Adjourn –