



Agenda

Wilmington Tree Commission Special Meeting



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Meeting ID: 274 024 861 164 76

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9:30 – 11:00 AM, July 22, 2026

1. Call to order; note presence of quorum.
2. Review and approve minutes from May 27, 2026 (VOTE)
3. **Heritage Tree Awards – Update**
 - a. City Council award presentation - September 1, 2026
 - b. One new application
 - c. Heritage Tree Health Status Update Project
4. 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 information learned during presentation on Board of Adjustment processes.

 - i. Discuss and appoint a committee to further advance this goal.
 - 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.
5. Staff Reports
 - a. Aaron Reese – Asset and Property Management, Urban Forestry
 - b. Haley Hopkins – Planning and Development
6. Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
7. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Native Plant Festival – September
 - b. The Great NC Tree Conference - September
 - c. Fire in the Pines – October

- d. Tree Fest - January
 - e. Additional events of interest to the Commission
- 8. New Business
 - a. 2026 Annual Report (VOTE)

Next Meeting is August 26, 2026, at 9:30 AM, 929 N. Front St., 1st Floor Azalea Room (154H).

- a) Adjourn –