



Agenda

Wilmington Tree Commission Regular Meeting



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Meeting ID: 274 024 861 164 76

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10:30 – 12:00 PM, October 21, 2026

1. Call to order; note presence of quorum.
2. Review and approve minutes from September 23, 2026 (VOTE)
3. 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: On hold during tree ordinance review
 - 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: October 14th Subject Matter Expert meeting review
Chair Report- Lloyd Singleton
 - 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.
4. Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
5. Staff Reports
 - a. Sally Thigpen – Asset and Property Management
 - b. Aaron Reese – City Arborist, Asset and Property Management
 - c. Haley Hopkins – Planning and Development
6. Events:
 - a. The Great NC Tree Conference – October 8-9, 2026 (attendee recap- Rhonda Waterhouse)
 - b. Fire in the Pines – October 10, 2026 (cancelled due to weather)
 - c. Tree Fest – January 15-16, 2027, from 11am--4pm at the Independence Mall by JC Penny.
 - d. North Carolina Arbor Day – March 20, 2026

e. Additional events of interest to the Commission

7. Old Business

8. New Business

Next Meeting is November 18, at 10:30 AM, 929 N. Front St., Azalea Room

a) Adjourn –