



**Wilmington Tree Commission**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 8:30 am**  
**HR Conference Room, CresCom Bank Building**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Sherry O’Daniell, Vice-Chair Jim Gregory, Margee Herring, Anthony Snider, Joshua Shields Alana Seaman

**Commissioners Absent:** Jack Dunn and Jud Watkins

**Staff Present:** Megan Upchurch, Ricky Midgette

**Staff Absent:** Dawn Coleman, Aaron Reese,

**Guests:** Amy Beatty, Meghan (last name?), Connie Parker, Michael Werner, Glenn Harbeck

The Chair called the meeting to order and noted a quorum of voting members was present.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Margee moved to accept minutes of October’s meeting; Sherry seconded. Passed unanimously  
Connie moved to accept minutes of September’s meeting; Anthony seconded. Passed unanimously

#### **Guest Presentation:**

Mr. Harbeck presented the planning department’s proposed tree plan within the new Land Development Code.

#### **From the Chair, Sherry:**

- The 12/12/12 planting will dovetail with Trees Forever plantings. Locations will be throughout the City. Josh will bring a crew for labor; Connie reported Alliance volunteers will also be present.
- New committee assignments will be made for the new year.
- Jim Gregory has volunteered to be Chair; Josh has agreed to serve as vice chair.
- Jim stated that the January meeting will include a strategic planning session.
- The City’s Tree and Sidewalk Study has been shared with committee members

**From the Vice-Chair, Jim:**

- Jim had no new info for the Heritage Tree Program

**From the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees:**

- Connie reported that the Alliance has planted 376 trees since its founding; plantings scheduled will take that count over 200 before the year's end.
- On December 14, Arbor Day Foundation together with Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation will distribute 1500 3-gallon trees at Legion Park free to the public.

**From the City Staff:**

- Ricky reported a bid will soon be posted for planting 285 trees throughout the city.
- The Urban Forest Council will lead another downtown planting on February 29

**From Guest:**

- Michael Werner shared that he is advocating for changes to the County tree regulations. Commissioners are considering restrictions/penalties for cutting down trees with a 36-inch caliper; he is advocating that be diminished to 24 inches. Connie commented that the current regulation is a stop-gap measure.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 15 at 9:30 am in the Pelican Room at the Pine Valley Branch of NHC Library, 3802 South College Road.