



Agenda

Tree Board Regular Meeting

9:00 AM February 21, 2024

Board Meeting Room, Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.

1. **Call to order, roll call, and confirmation of quorum**
2. **Agenda changes and approval**
3. **Minutes review and approval**
 - A. Minutes from regular meeting on January 17, 2024
4. **Discussion items**
 - A. Review proposal for a rain garden at the Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center
 - B. Bee City USA initiatives for 2024
 - C. "No Mow March" public outreach
5. **Tree Board related reports**
 - A. Garden Club - Sharon
 - B. Invasive Species Removal Team - Mixon, Tom
 - C. Prohibited/Recommended Plant Lists Subcommittee - Linda, Mixon, Sharon
 - D. Education/Outreach Materials Subcommittee - Bridget, Mixon
6. **Staff Updates**
 - A. General Updates
7. **Adjournment**

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Minutes

TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. Jan. 17, 2024

Board Meeting Room of Town Hall Annex, 105 E. Corbin St.



Present: Chair Linda Paynter, Sharon Billings, Thomas Darling, Mixon Nelson, Jon Simpson, and Gregory Yavelak

Absent: Vice Chair Bridget Booher

Staff: Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

1. Call to order, roll call and confirmation of quorum

Chair Linda Paynter called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

2. Agenda changes and approval

There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda stood as presented.

Motion: Jon Simpson moved to approve the agenda. Gregory Yavelak seconded.

Vote: 6-0

3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Oct. 18, 2023

Motion: Simpson moved approval of the Oct. 18, 2023, minutes as submitted. Yavelak seconded.

Vote: 6-0

4. Presentations

Adopt 2024 Tree Board meeting schedule.
Trueblood reviewed the schedule for the year.

Motion: Thomas Darling moved to approve the 2024 Tree Board meeting schedule. Simpson seconded.

Vote: 6-0

5. Updates

A. Garden Club

Sharon Billings reported on the opportunity for the Tree Board's representation at a climate related event in Hillsborough. The board discussed available materials for presentation at events.

Motion: Billings moved for the Tree Board to participate in Climate Challenge with an information table on April 13, 2024. Simpson seconded.

Vote: 6-0

B. Invasive Removal Team

Darling gave a history of the project and ideas for future plantings.

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C. Prohibited and Recommended Plant Lists Subcommittee

Paynter updated the board on progress on the list, which is geared toward large development.

D. Education and Outreach Materials Subcommittee

There was nothing to report.

E. Staff

Trueblood updated the board on the following:

- The budget for the next three fiscal years for the board is being completed.
- Outreach has begun for Fig Buttercup control.
- A group of residents will be approaching the board for an Urban Archery program.

6. Adjournment

Paynter adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Trueblood
Public Space and Sustainability Manager
Staff support to the Tree Board

Approved: February 21, 2024

Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center

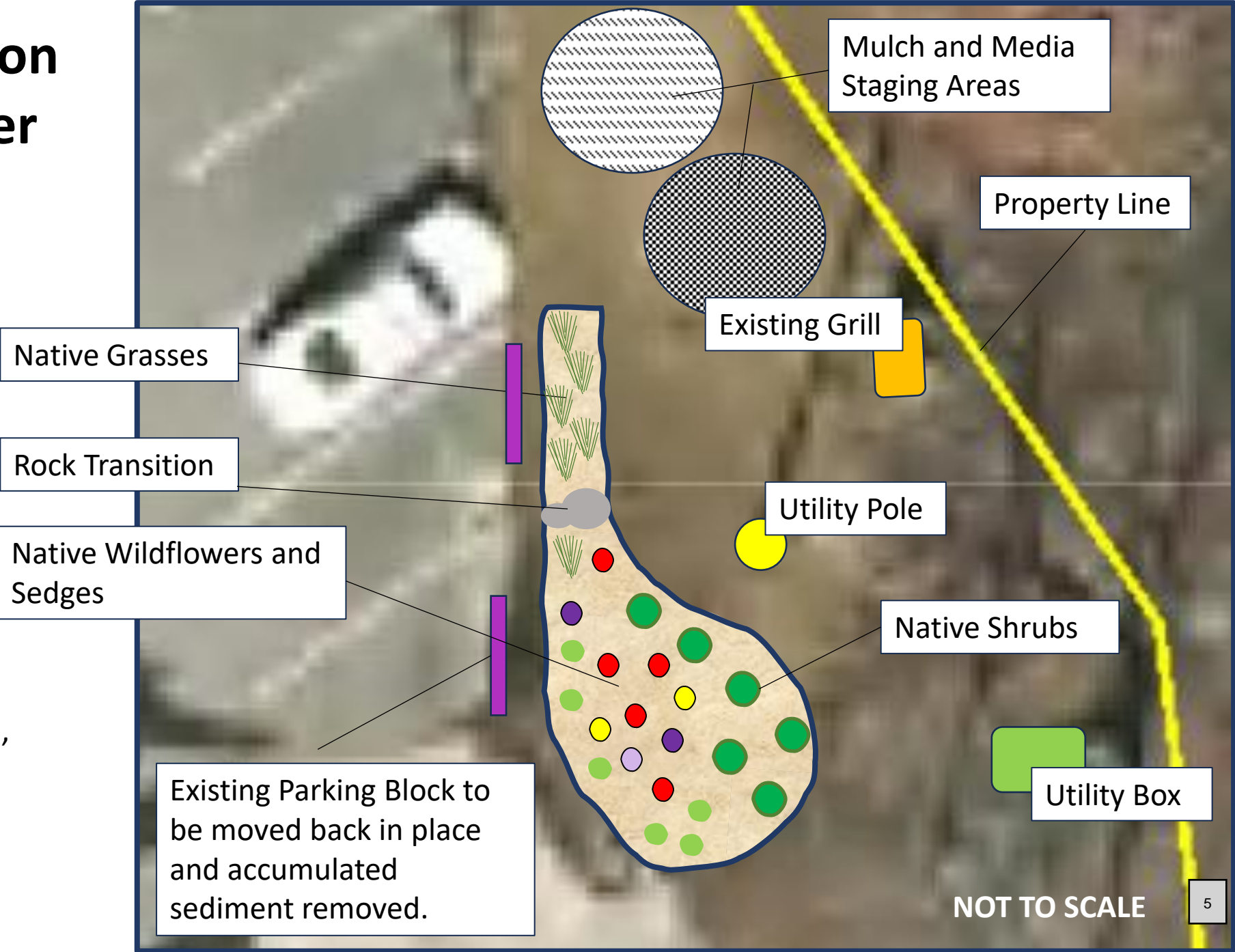
Rain Garden Site Overview 02-12-2024



Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center

Rain Garden Concept Plan 01-31-2024

Notes: When excavating basin, dig diagonally at edges near utility pole and dig vertically along parking lot edge and all other edges.



Plant List for Raing Garden at Dorothy N. Johnson Community Center

Amsonia tabernaemontana - Eastern bluestar	Sun
Andropogon. virginicus - Broomsedge	Sun
Callicarpa Americana - American beautyberry	Sun
Lyonia Lucida – Fetterbush	P sh-Shade
Eryngium aquaticum - Marsh rattlesnakemaster	Sun-P sh
Carex grayi - Gray's sedge	Sun-P sh
Coreopsis lanceolata - Lance-leaf coreopsis	Sun
Echinacea purpurea ‘PowWow’ – Purple coneflower,	Sun-P sh
Eupatorium dubium 'Baby Joe' – Joe Pye Weed	Sun-P sh
Ilex verticillata – Winterberry	Sun -Shade
Itea virginica - Virginia sweetspire	Part Sun
Juncus effusus - Soft rush	Sun
Liatris spicata - Blazing star	Sun
Lobelia cardinalis - Cardinal Flower	Sun-P sh
Packera aurea - Golden groundsel	Sun-P sh
Rudbeckia hirta - Black-eyed Susan	Sun
Schizachyrium scoparium - Little blue stems	Sun
Sorghastrum nutans - Indian grass	Sun-P sh

Tree Board- Annual Plan 2024

January	Begin updates on UDO Prohibited/Recommended Plant Lists and Educational Materials Review, FY25 Budget update, Fig Buttercup re-release
February	Discuss 2024 Bee City USA Initiatives, Plan “No Mow March”
March	No Mow March, Begin Earth Evening and Climate Challenge Planning
April	Complete Earth Evening preparations, video production planning
May	National Pollinator Week activities preparations
June	No meeting
July	No meeting
August	Begin Fall Plantings Selection, Invasive removal workdays (privet)
September	Finalize Fall Plantings, Invasive removal workdays (stiltgrass)
October	Develop Budget Requests, Arbor Day preparations, “Leaves the Leaves” campaign
November	Arbor Day celebration, Tree City Award
December	No meeting

Projects

UDO Prohibited/recommended plant lists updates
 Educational materials review and update
 Climate Challenge information table (April 13th)
 Earth Evening (April 26th)
 Begin Integrated Pest/Vegetation Management Plan
 New video?

Bee City USA Initiatives 2024

Invasive removal program and native plantings along Riverwalk
 “No Mow March” outreach campaign
 Earth Evening education event (Friday, April 26)
 National Pollinator Week activities with Garden Club- June
 “Leave the Leaves” campaign- Fall
 Increase pollinator habitat- annual plantings



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No Mow March Helps Native Pollinators

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

For the month of March, the Hillsborough Tree Board is asking residents to do more by doing less! Please consider refraining from mowing to give native pollinators a good start this spring.

As a [Bee City USA](#), the Town of Hillsborough looks for ways to encourage habitat development for native pollinators, including our many important species of bees. The start of the growing season is a critical time for native species as they emerge hungry and ready to forage for nectar and pollen. Even in suburban environments, nectar and pollen that can nourish our native pollinators can be hard to find.

By refraining from mowing in March and avoiding any applications of pesticide or herbicide, you help provide a stable nectar and pollen supply at this critical time.

Beyond March, the Tree Board encourages residents to consider reducing the frequency of mowing. Mowing less often reduces your lawn’s need for water, encourages drought resistance in lawns, reduces emissions from gas powered lawn equipment and drastically improves our local biodiversity.

See the [Tree Board page](#) for more information about initiatives that support native plants and pollinators.

