

Agenda

TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025

Board Meeting Room of 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

Minutes from regular meeting on Oct. 16, 2024

4. Discussion items

- A. Discuss 2025 Annual Plan
- B. Discuss 2025 Bee City Initiatives
- C. FY25 Budget Update

5. Updates

- A. Garden Club
- B. Invasive Removal Team
- C. Staff: Fig Buttercup Re-release, skatepark plantings

6. Adjournment

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Minutes

TREE BOARD

Regular meeting

9 a.m. Oct. 16, 2024

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



Present: Tim Logue (acting Chair), Brian Mayell, Greg Yavelak and Mixon Nelson

Absent: Chair Linda Paynter and Vice Chair Thomas Darling

Staff: Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood

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

Acting Chair Tim Logue called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Public Space and Sustainability Manager Stephanie Trueblood called the roll and confirmed the absence of a quorum.

2. Agenda changes and approval

The agenda stood as presented. No action was taken.

3. Minutes review and approval

Minutes from regular meeting on Sept. 18, 2024

Motion: Member Brian Mayell moved approval of the Sept. 18, 2024, minutes as submitted. Member Greg Yavelak seconded.

Vote: 4-0

4. Discussion items

A. Continue discussing tree plantings for Skate Spot

Trueblood described the location, the Cates Creek Master Plan and introduced Stormwater Technician Claire Hansen. The board discussed environmental factors for the plants at the site. Member Mixon Nelson suggested gray owl junipers, red cedars, swamp chestnut oaks, river birch, white oaks, sedges and rushes to create ribbons of less mowed areas around tree sections.

Trueblood introduced Tammy Dorfman president of the Hillsborough Garden Club and prospective tree board member.

Yavelak arrived at 9:28 a.m.

Board members discussed planting near the parking lot first and a shaded bench along the sidewalk to the Skate Spot. The board developed consensus to direct staff to work with Nelson to develop a planting plan for Skate Spot.

B. Arbor Day 2024

The board discussed options to celebrate Arbor Day. Logue and Mayell offered to celebrate Arbor Day with a walk and talk about riparian restoration and invasive species removal at Riverwalk. Trueblood stated the town will issue a press release for the event.

Motion: Nelson moved to celebrate Arbor Day on Nov. 20, 2024, with a guided tour of the riparian restoration and invasive removal project on Riverwalk. Mayell seconded.
Vote: 4-0

- C. Continue discussion of Prohibited and Recommended Plant List
The board decided to add the list's discussion to the Jan. 2024, Tree Board agenda.

5. Updates

A. Garden Club

The club president shared club events. Dorfman expressed an increase in native plantings by the club. The club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025 with a myriad of events. Also, Hillsborough Garden Club fundraising supports scholarships and grants among other philanthropic ventures.

B. Invasive Removal Team

Mayell suggested preordering for 2025 plantings with Mellow Marsh to ensure products. Nelson advocated for removing top layer of potting soil from nursery plants to mitigate weeds. Also, invasive removal workdays will move to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays.

C. Staff

Trueblood reported:

- Planters have been replanted and downtown gardens replenished.
- The town board approved the amended Ridgewalk plan.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Mayell motioned to adjourn. Yavelak seconded.
Vote: 4-0.

Logue adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved: Jan. 15, 2025

Tree Board- Annual Plan 2025

January	FY25 Budget update, Fig Buttercup re-release, Discuss 2025 Bee City USA Initiatives,
February	Prohibited/Recommended Plant Lists, No Mow March planning, Creek Week Planning
March	No Mow March, Creek Week, Begin Earth Evening and Climate Challenge Planning
April	Complete Earth Evening preparations, begin National Pollinator Week preparations
May	Complete National Pollinator Week preparations, Treasure Tree selection
June	No meeting
July	No meeting
August	Begin Fall Plantings Selection
September	Finalize Fall Plantings, Leave the Leaves Planning
October	Develop Budget Requests, Arbor Day preparations, "Leaves the Leaves"
November	Arbor Day celebration, Tree City Award
December	No meeting

Projects

UDO Prohibited/recommended plant lists
Climate Challenge?
Earth Evening
New video?
Tree inventory
Interpretive sign

Bee City USA Initiatives 2025

Invasive removal and native plantings program
No Mow March outreach campaign
Earth Evening outreach event
National Pollinator Week activities with Garden Club- June
Leave the Leaves campaign- Fall
Increase pollinator habitat- annual plantings

From: tamdorf@aol.com
To: [Stephanie Trueblood](#)
Subject: Re: Garden Club updates this month?
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 12:02:32 PM

Hi! Happy new Year and thanks for reaching out.
We are kicking off our 100th anniversary with a museum exhibit -100 Years of Gardening Together.

This is a blurb I used for a sneak peak on social media:

This year, the Hillsborough Garden Club is celebrating a major milestone - its 100th anniversary. We have curated an exhibit at our local museum to pay tribute to the club's history and showcase our progress as gardeners and environmental caretakers. We are delighted to present this exhibit, which features familiar items that demonstrate our growth.

This provides context for just one of several exhibit cases.

Title: From Arsenic to Organic Content:

During the early 20th century, gardeners frequently used chemicals containing arsenic, lead, and mercury for pest control. The introduction of DDT in 1945 was initially seen as a positive development but ultimately proved harmful to beneficial insects and human health, especially in children.

Modern gardeners now view insects as valuable components of a healthy ecosystem, embracing practices such as 'leaving the leaves' to provide shelter for pollinators and minimizing chemical use to grow organic food.

The exhibit will be on display from January 9 to March 25 at the Orange County Historical Museum, courtesy of the Hillsborough Garden Club.
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Garden Revolution: Battling Pests in the Garden, Then and Now



Meeting Schedule: 2025

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Regular meetings

Regular meetings typically occur the third Wednesday of the month.

Jan. 15	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
Feb. 19	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
Mar. 19	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
April 16	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
May 21	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
June 18	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
July	No Meeting
Aug. 20	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
Sept. 17	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
Oct. 15	Town Hall Annex Board Meeting Room
Nov. 19	To Be Determined – Arbor Day
Dec.	No Meeting