



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TREE BOARD

City Operations Center 305 Williams Street Hendersonville, NC 28791 - Second
Floor Meeting Room
Monday, December 09, 2024 – 2:30 PM

MINUTES

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: JANET THEW, MARY DAVIS, BECCA DOLL, NATALIE
WILCOXEN, MELODY CRAWFORD, GLENN LANGE, SCOTT HARMON**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve: Glenn Lange

Second: Melody Crawford

Motion approved

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes from November 11, 2024

Motion to approve: Glenn Lange

Second: Mary Davis

Motion approved



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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: LYNDSY SIMPSON, MARY DAVIS, NATALIE
WILCOXEN, MELODY CRAWFORD, GLENN LANGE AND SCOTT HARMON
(REMOTELY)**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to Approve: Glenn L.

Second: Melody C.

Motion Approved

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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A. Minutes for September 9, 2024

Motion to Approve: Glenn L.

Second: Natalie W.

Motion Approved

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. City Council Update

Vegetative debris removal is continuing from Helene. Construction Debris has not started due to the County not having an approved site. They are trying to get it permitted.

Gina Dixon will be the newest council member. It is possible there could be a different council liaison after the first of the year.

B. Urban Forestry Plan and NCFS Grant

The grant process is moving along with NCFS and looking very positive. The City Council approved the grant process to proceed.

C. Bradford Pear Bounty Update

We will proceed with the bounty again next year.

D. NeighborWoods - Natalie Wilcoxen

We have several groups interested and are considering delivering trees in December.

Natalie contacted multiple high schools and can link NeighborWoods developments with volunteers if needed.

Natalie is in discussions with Upward Elementary School about the possibility of the horticulture program growing some trees and pollinator plants for next year.

E Bradford Pear Bounty

Becca Doll will reach out to the state committee to finalize a date for this years event.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proposed Tree Board Schedule 2025

Motion to Approve: Melody Crawford

Second: Glenn Lange

Motion Approved

TREE BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS 2025

The regular meetings of the City of Hendersonville Tree Board will be held on the **second Monday** of each month beginning, at **2:30 PM** in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Operations Center located at 305 Williams Street, Hendersonville, NC.

January 13, 2025

July 7, 2025

February 10, 2025

August 11, 2025

March 10, 2025

September 8, 2025

April 7, 2025

October 13, 2025

May 12, 2025

November 10, 2025

June 9, 2025

December 8, 2025

B. Open Board Positions

Applications have been requested from the City Clerk for review.

C. Tree Board Response to Helene

The Tree Board is checking into setting up various pop-ups to provide city property owners with free trees.

D. Hiring a replacement for Mary Jo

Melody C. off Motion to Approve: Melody Crawford

Second: Glenn Lange

Motion Approved

Melody agreed to take on most of Mary Jo's responsibilities.

E. Proposed Ordinance Discussion:

New concern with the recent Landscape Zoning Ordinance changes.

There appears to be a loophole in part of the new Tree Preservation Ordinance. Lyndsey S. will address this and close the loophole before the next public hearing.

Parkland dedication for development projects.

Glenn L. discussed the need for additional parkland dedication and how that could be achieved. He will look into options and develop a plan fo the board.

Proposal to rewrite the existing Chapter 46, Article 4, Trees and Shrubs city code language.

The board voted to have a committee work on an alternative version of Chapter 46, Article 4 and report back to the board.

Motion to Approve: Glenn L.

Second: Natalie W.

Motion Approved

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Staff Comments

Mary D. will check on all of the Heritage trees and report back to the board as to their status.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. City Council Update

New Board Members were elected: Mark Madsen, Rich Bowman

New City Council member: Gina Dixon

Lyndsey Simpson will remain the Council representative for the Tree Board.

B. Heritage Tree Report - Mary Davis

5 of the 14 heritage trees have been lost. Mary Davis will head up a committee to reinvigorate the Heritage Tree Program. She will create content for an initial social media blast and when they are ready melody will create a press release. Once a new batch of trees are voted in as Heritage Trees, new maps will be created. The overall goal is to identify and call attention to large stately trees in our community.

C. Proposed subcommittee to rewrite the Tree, Shrub, and Tree Board city code.

Glenn and Scott will review and make recommendations to the board. Becca will review content and Natalie will edit.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. NeighborWoods - Natalie Wilcoxon

The board decided to immediately move ahead with a few planting projects. The drought in the spring prevented planting and hurricane Helene tied up resources to prevent planting to this point.

B. NCUFC Grant Update - Scott Harmon

Grant is under review. We now need to create an outreach plan.

\C. Proposed Ordinance Revision - Glenn Lange

The Brooklyn Ave development brought up some possible issues with the ordinance. Glenn reached out to Lew Holloway from the Community Development Department. Lew agreed that certain changes will likely occur, however he would like to see several developments go through the process and then address the needed changes. He also did not agree with the developers interpretation of the intention of the ordinance.

The board discussed that it would like to change the ordinance for single family developments to require 1 tree to be located in the back yard of each lot. This would be in addition to the street tree.

D. Helene Storm Response

The board decided it will have booth at the farmers market during the month of May to give trees away to city residents.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Website Update

For the foreseeable future the Tree Board website will not be posting articles.

B. Board Communications

Board members can meet in groups of three or email groups of three, but 4 board members make a quorum, and would constitute formal meeting which would need to be advertised ahead of time.

C. Chair of the Board Discussion

The chairperson decision will be voted upon in the January meeting.

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