



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TREE BOARD

Operations Center - Assembly Room | 305 Williams St. | Hendersonville NC 28792
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Members in attendance: Mac Brackett, Glenn Lange, Andreas Crawford, Mark Madsen and Mary Davis.

Members absent: Patricia Christie and Landon Justice.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mark Madsen to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes - Mac Brackett, Glenn Lange, Andreas Crawford, Mark Madsen, and Mary Davis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes May 17, 2022 and June 21, 2022

Motion was made by Mark Madsen for the approval of the May 17, 2022 and June 21, 2022.

Vote - All ayes: Mac Brackett, Glenn Lange, Andreas Crawford and Mary Davis

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. John Connet - City Manager

John Connet - The City Manager spoke to the Tree Board about the goals and objectives of the Tree Board going forward. The members agreed to a workshop to further discuss ordinance changes, goals and objectives.

B. Cottages at Mastermind (P22-55-CZD)

Tree Board Motion for Cottages at Mastermind

Based on the following guiding city code documents (the Municipal Code, Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 1, Trees & Shrubs, Section 46, 116 & 117; the Zoning Code, Article XV Buffering, Screening & Landscaping Sections 15-1, A & C and 15-4 A; the Subdivision Ordinance, Purpose and Intent, Section 1.04, Part H; and the Comprehensive Plan, Vision Statement and Section 3.3, Goal NR-2, Strategy 2.3) and the City Council's adoption (Feb., 2021) of core values and beliefs as guiding principles as they apply to the prioritization of existing tree canopy, the Tree Board believes that this project is inconsistent and incompatible with the preservation of tree canopy in Hendersonville for the following reasons:

1. Based on the documents provided prior to the Tree Board meeting, there are more than 340 12” or larger trees on this property consisting primarily of oak, maple, poplar and pine.
2. It appears that a large number, more than 240 12” or larger trees will be removed from this property and not be preserved. Only 21 medium or large canopy trees will be replanted and not with similar species as currently found on the property.
3. This property is one of the few remaining forested properties of this size and tree diversity in Hendersonville.

The Tree Board recommends the following conditions be applied to this development.

1. Replace 50% of the proposed Linden and Zelkova tree plantings with native medium or large canopy trees from the following Genera (Quercus and Acer) to help enhance bird populations by planting trees that produce food (insects) for nesting birds. 96% of our terrestrial birds rely on insects supported only by native plants.
2. All preserved trees must be protected from construction activities as prescribed in the zoning code 15-4 regardless of use as tree credits.
3. Plant an additional 15 oak, maple, and poplar (2 and one half inch or larger caliper) trees throughout the open spaces created by this development.
4. Implement a vegetative planting plan that will enhance the banks of and a 20 foot corridor around the stormwater pond to provide filtration and infiltration of stormwater from turf managed areas and enhance wildlife habitat. The plan must include diverse and appropriate species of native upland and wetland shrubs and perennial herbaceous plants (including warm season grasses, sedges, and plants important to pollinators) selected from the city’s Recommended Landscape Species List for Street Trees and Land Development Projects. No turf grasses should be used.

Motion was made by Glenn Lange

Ayes - Mac Brackett, Mark Madsen, Glenn Lange, Andreas Crawford, and Mary Davis

C. Public Relations update - Mary Jo Padgett

The PR update was sent to the Tree Board by email.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pollinator Bed Four Seasons Boulevard

Project is moving forward. The bid package is under review by Legal and Finance.

B. Changes to City Ordinances/Zoning Concerning Trees - Glenn Lange & Matthew Manley

Table until next meeting

C. 1. 9th Ave

2. Wolf Chase

3. Druid Hills

4. Blue Ridge Villas

The Tree Board will handle ordering the trees and the delivery of trees for these projects.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Utility Update

Duke Energy has notified us that they will be performing some tree trimming along the main line starting on Substation Street and coming through town. They will be trimming a few trees at City Hall as part of this project. The impact to the trees at City Hall should be minimal.

B. Tree Board Budget

HWY 64 Maintenance - \$15,000

Tree Replacement & Supplies - \$1,500

Arborists Services - \$2,000

Publicity - \$3,000

Arbor Day - \$250

NeighborWoods - \$4,000

Maintenance of Pollinator Beds at Hands on Museum & Bearcat Loop - \$5,000

Pollinator Bed Four Seasons Blvd & One Year Maintenance - \$22,500

Landscape Plan for Greenway Planting - \$2,500

Total Budget - \$55,750

No action taken.

C. Invasive Species Control/Removal

Steve Pettis with Cooperative Extension wants to work with the Tree Board to help plan on some invasive removal and provide chemicals for the Greenway Trail.

D. Tree Species List

Review it next month.

E. Staff Comments

None at this time

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 pm.