

City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board Meeting
Normal Meeting Minutes: March 1st, 2023; 7:00-9:00pm
Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom

Tree Board Members present: Marty Byrne, Chair Richard Olmstead, Mandee Parker, Doug Sprugel, Sandy Levar

Staff and others present: Riley Bushnell, Assistant Planner; Councilmember Larry Goldman

Members of the Public present: John Spaccarotelli

Tree Board Members absent: None

Call to order: 7:03

Short Reflections: Chair Olmstead told the board about saveshorelinetrees.com in the City of Shoreline to promote saving Shoreline trees. Noted that thousands of significant trees in the expansion of light rail lost. Noted carbon offsets and mitigation efforts.

Introductions: The Tree Board members and City staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Chair Olmstead presented the agenda and proposed its approval. Mr. Sprugel motioned to approve the agenda. Ms. Byrne seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Olmstead proposed the approval of the minutes. Ms. Parker moved to approve the minutes as presented, Ms. Byrne seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment: John Spaccarotelli commented on Lake Forest Park's character and the need for greenery. He expressed the desire to remove less trees in Lake Forest Park.

Communication:

Next Meeting

Chair Olmstead spoke to the next meeting taking place on Wednesday, April 5th at city hall.

Announcements

None.

Old Business:

McAleer Creek Restoration – Julia

None.

Public Outreach Plan

Sandy wanted to know more about tree process and how to get articles submitted to the newspaper on social media. The City Arborist provided help to get her in the right direction.

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2 **New Business:**

3 Tree Replacement Plans

4 Members of the tree board discussed the need for a tree replacement plan. Chair Olmstead spoke to
5 the heat island effect in the town center parking lot. He discussed a meeting with other people
6 interested in the tree board's tree replacement plan. High intensity reforestation was brought up
7 although it was deemed not feasible for our jurisdiction by Chair Olmstead and Mr. Sprugel.
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9 2023 Events

10 The Assistant Planner brought up the need of tree board presence at the Lake Forest Park Green
11 Fair on the last weekend in April.
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13 Board members, the Assistant Planner and the City Arborist discussed a good day in April to host
14 the Arbor Day event and logistics of the events.
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16 2023 Work Plan

17 Board members discussed their roles in the work plan in anticipation of presenting the work plan to
18 council.
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20 Chair Elections

21 Current Chair Olmstead brought up the election of Chair and Vice Chair since it's required that
22 Chair and Vice Chair change after several years.
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24 The board discussed potential leadership roles for Chair and Vice Chair.
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26 Chair Olmstead brought up the Mayor will elect the Chair if there is an impasse at volunteers for
27 Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Olmstead was reelected for Chair. Ms. Byrne nominated Mr. Sprugel for
28 Vice Chair. Both were elected unanimously.
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30 **Reports and Announcements:**

31 Frontlines

32 City Arborist let the board know 10 new tree permits were filed for this month. She noted that most
33 of her time was devoted to reviewing development projects and less review of tree removal for
34 permits not related to development.
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36 Councilmember Goldman's Report

37 Councilmember Goldman talked to reelection of Ms. Byrne and Chair Olmstead. He spoke to ST3
38 event at the nearby elementary school. He talked about proposed changes to tree code. He then
39 brought forth different bills related to urban planning policy going through the Washington state
40 legislature.
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42 Preliminary discussion about 2022 Tree Inventory Data

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45 **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

46 Potential items for the agenda were discussed for the next meeting.
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1 **Adjournment:** Mr. Sprugel moved to adjourn. Ms. Byrne seconded; and the meeting adjourned at
2 8:41 PM.
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5 APPROVED:

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Richard Olmstead, Chair