

TREE BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2022; 4:30 PM
Woodcreek, Texas

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Rasco called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT

Vice-Chair Monica Rasco
Board Member Jacob McElroy
Board Member Iris Ramos
Board Member Dorothy Tasian
Alt. Board Member Terri Burney-Bisett

ABSENT

Chairperson Cindy Jones
Alt. Board Member Nan Simpson

STAFF PRESENT

Administrative Assistant Maureen Mele

Due to absence, Alt. Board Member Terri Burney-Bisett is serving as a Board Member for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Tree Board Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2022

A motion was made by Member Burney-Bisett to approve the Tree Board meeting minutes from September 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Member Tasian.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Vice-Chair Rasco, Member McElroy, Member Ramos, Member Tasian, Member Burney-Bisett

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

The agenda items were taken out of order and agenda item 4 was addressed next.

4. Review and Discuss the Arbor Day Celebration from October 4, 2022 - Pros and Cons for Planning 2023 Arbor Day Celebration

Several suggestions were made for the next Arbor Day:

- Conduct Arbor Day on a different day than National Night Out
- Hays County Arbor Day for 2023 is November 3, 2023
- more centered around adults and as an outdoor education festival
- could be held at smaller venue like Augusta Park.

2. Announcements by Mayor Rasco and Election of Chairperson

Mayor Rasco announced that Chairperson Cindy Jones has stepped down from the Chairperson role and prefers to serve as an Alternate Board Member. Mayor Rasco nominated Terri Burney-Bisett as a full member which will need a City Council vote.

Vice-Chair Rasco made a motion to elect Board Member Ramos as the Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Member Burney-Bisett.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Member Burney-Bisett, Member Tasian, Member Ramos, Member McElroy, Vice-Chair Rasco

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

3. Review and Discussion of Visions and Goals for the Tree Board

Several goals of the Tree Board were discussed such as:

- Getting information out to property owners including information on oak wilt
- Completing Oak wilt assistance application and communicating this to citizens
- Protection of street trees and property owners' trees
- Treatment of trees that have oak wilt
- Tree Board has input and can review bids of city right-of-way tree trimmers

5. Review, Discuss and Take Appropriate Action on a Recommendation to City Council for a "Request for Proposal" to Hire a Part-time City Arborist

A subcommittee of Chairperson Ramos and Member Burney-Bisett was formed to review and recommend possible changes to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a part-time city arborist.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Rasco that this subcommittee research RFP's of other cities and return with ideas for a recommendation to the next Tree Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Tasian.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Ramos, Member McElroy, Member Tasian, Member Burney-Bisett, Vice-Chair Rasco

The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

ADJOURN

Chairperson Ramos adjourned the meeting at 5:50PM.



Iris Ramos, Chairperson



Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary