

TREE BOARD MEETING (CITY HALL)
March 13, 2023; 4:30 PM
Woodcreek, Texas

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramos Called the Meeting to Order at 4:30PM.

ROLL CALL and ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT

Chairperson Iris Ramos
Board Member Terri Burney-Bisett
Board Member Nanci Coddington
Board Member Jacob McElroy (Arrived at 5:00P)
Board Member Dorothy Tasian
Council Liaison Brent H. Pulley

ABSENT

Alt. Board Member Nan Simpson

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager, Kevin Rule
City Secretary, Suzanne Mac Kenzie

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None were offered.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COUNCIL LIAISONS

Report by Tree Board Liaison.

Nothing new to report. Items that he would want to talk about are already on the agenda. But wanted to congratulate the Board on becoming a Tree City USA.

Report by City Manager.

City Manager Rule presented to the Board the delivery of the Tree City USA signs that arrived shortly before the meeting and congratulated the Board for their hard work.

Report by City Secretary. – No report given

SPECIAL ORDERS

1. **Discussion About the Tree City USA Award Designation.** *(Ramos)*

Discussion about the article in the Wimberley View Newspaper, submitted by Liaison Brent Pulley.

2. **Discuss and Take Possible Action to Accept the Resignation of Alternate Tree Board Member, Cynthia Jones and Consider and Take Possible Action to Nominate A Replacement Member.** *(Ramos)*

Discussion to reach out to Board Members "Circle of Friends" to look for interest in becoming a Board Member.

Motion was made by Member Tasian to accept the resignation of Cindy Jones. (8:50) Motion was seconded by Member Bisett.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Member Bisett, Member Coddington, Member Tasian, Chair Ramos

Motion Passed: 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. **Workshop to Present Tree Board the Handbook From The Arbor Day Foundation and the Tree Board Reference Notebook.**

Workshop Opened at 4:43PM.

Presentation of Tree Board Reference Binders by City Secretary.

Workshop Closed at 4:56PM.

4. **Discuss and Take Possible Action Regarding Tree Board Member Roles and Potential Activities of Engagement Using Tree Board Handbook As A Guide.** *(Ramos)*

Chair Ramos encouraged Board Members to review the Tree Board Handbook (ordered from Tree City USA), page 10 and look for their own strengths in the list and consider how future members can contribute to the group.

No action was taken.

5. **Discuss and Take Possible Action Regarding the Election of A New Vice Chairperson for the Tree Board.**

Discussion of role of the Vice-Chair of the Board.

Motion was made by Member Bisett to table the election of a Vice-Chair until the next meeting. (38:45) Motion was seconded by Member Coddington.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Member Coddington, Member McElroy, Member Tasian, Chair Ramos, Member Bisett

Motion passed: 5-0-0.

6. Discussion Follow-Up Regarding Karl Flocke's Views About Privacy Issues and Procurement of A City-Wide Oak Wilt Map. (Pulley)

Liaison Pulley has spoken to Karl Flocke and he does have concerns about releasing it. City Manager Rule and Liaison Pulley will come up with a plan to protect residents' proprietary interests.

7. Discuss and Take Possible Action Requesting A City-Wide Meeting With Karl Flocke As Guest Speaker and Oak Wilt Expert. (Tasian)

Member Tasian spoke with Karl Flocke at the Blue Hole presentation and thought the information would be good to share with the community. Member Tasian also attended and stated her appreciation of the "hands on" approach that was used and would like to find an effective way to do the same with our residents.

City Manager Rule stated that the event, once finalized, can be publicized via email and blasts and the sandwich board at the City's entrance. A possible location would be at City Hall or CYJ with decision on day or evening event.

Discussion that this is a "hot topic" for the City and it should be done while there is an audience. Goals of the event would be: education, prevention, and providing information on resources. Timing of the event will be key for higher attendance, taking into account school schedules and summer vacations, in addition to Karl Flocke's schedule, possibly in conjunction with another event.

Motion was made by Jacob McElroy to approve a City-Wide meeting with Karl Flocke. (59:05) Motion was seconded by Member Bisett.

A roll call vote was held.

Voting Yea: Member Tasian, Chair Ramos, Member Bisett, Member Coddington, Member McElroy

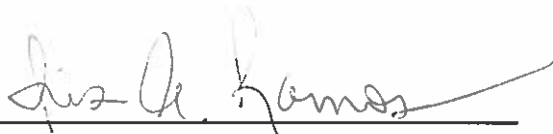
ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Rule announced that Tree Trimming and Removal Permits are in effect as of March 15, 2023. Notifications will be sent via email and text blasts, banner on the City website, and on the sandwich at the City's entrance.

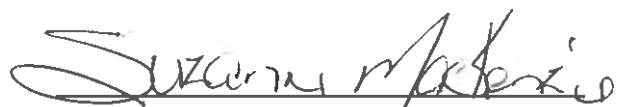
Chair Ramos announced that the next meeting will be on April 10, 2023.

ADJOURN

Chair Ramos Adjourned the Meeting at 4:30PM.



Iris Ramos, Chairperson



Suzanne Mac Kenzie, City Secretary