

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

TREE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 2017

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2016 at Town Hall, 2056 Middle Street, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Commission members.

Chairman, Ken Spicer, Nat Robb, Milton Langley, Adele Tobin

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, AICP, ISA, Zoning Administrator

- A. Call to Order.** Chairman Spicer, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., stated press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law and all Commissioners present. No public or media present.
- B. Approval of Agenda – Commission made no changes to Agenda**
- C. Approval of October 24, 2016 Minutes: Mr. Robb made a motion to approve the minutes, Second Mr. Langley, the motion to approve was unanimous.**

D. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS

2112 Atlantic Avenue: Mr. Henderson introduced the agenda item from Schneider Tree Care, who requested approval to remove one Category 1 hackberry tree (22" dbh- diameter at breast height) per Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162. B (Application for relocation, or removal and replacement). (TMS# 529-09-00-062)

Mr. Henderson explained that the applicant was unable to attend due to a family emergency and explained that the Commission may consider their request without a representative according to Article 17 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission decided to move forward with the request as submitted.

Mr. Henderson presented the applicant's request for removal of a 21" hackberry after re-measurement. The tree is located on the front right side of the yard in close proximity to the sidewalk and entrance stairs. The arborist, Nate Ball, noted that although the tree is healthy, root growth will continue to damage the sidewalk and grow toward the home possibly affecting the stability and health of the tree.

Henderson explained that the Commission requested that the applicant submit, to staff, a tree replanting plan during the last meeting; a more detailed landscape plan was subsequently reviewed illustrating the replanting of trees in the rear yard area around a proposed pool. 15" of holly trees and (1/3) the inches in sabal palmettos were presented. Henderson noted the tree mitigation as shown was in compliance with the mitigation policy.

Nat Robb made a motion to approve the tree mitigation plan as submitted, seconded by Adele Tobin, motion carried.

E. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2017 Arbor Day Event: Consideration of ideas for celebrating National Arbor Day on April 27, 2017 during the Town's regularly scheduled Farmer's Market.

Mr. Henderson explained the Town would be holding its 2017 Arbor Day event during the April 27th Farmer's Market, and noted the educational focus of this year's event would be on maintenance and pruning of trees.

He explained that the Town was recently awarded Tree City USA status and this would be showcased during the Arbor Day event. Additionally, he asked that the Commissioners begin thinking of activities for participants of the event.

Tree Commission Zoning Ordinance: Discussion of regulations for processing tree removal requests and the powers and responsibilities of the Tree Commission in considering these requests.

Mr. Henderson conducted a workshop and PowerPoint presentation on Chapter 17 of the Zoning Ordinance. A question and answer session followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "A. Picorn", is written over the text of the meeting adjournment.