

Shade Tree Commission
Minutes
February 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Via Zoom

Meeting Attendees: David Ingram, Lee Gregg, Nancy Walker, David Sincoff, Peter Kotses, Roxanne Malé -Brune, Jim Dyer, Ann Bonner, David Riggs.

1. Title 33: Tree Permit, Right-of-Way Issues, Public Land
 - a. None

2. Title 37: Landscape Ordinance Issues
 - a. Two Title 41 requests for Kershaw Greene and Tyler Park.

3. Maintenance of the tree canopy
 - a. Planning
 - i. We should develop a plan of three parts.
 1. Sites – removal, finding possible sites.
 2. Maintenance/Training/Crown lifting – contractor
 3. Planting – Plant 20 more than we remove.
 - ii. Q How do we track the removal of trees? A We rely on the Assistant Service Director to keep track of removals. Some removals are done without consultation with the Shade Tree Commission, such as emergencies or where trees have fallen down.
 - iii. How should divide of the City into zones for commissioners to look at?
 1. Nancy – Far East side
 2. David I – Near East side
 3. David S. and Lee - North side
 4. James - Near East side
 5. Rox – South side
 - iv. Menards – we need to identify sites.
 1. These will be large shade trees and preferably native trees.
 2. There is no time frame, but the sooner the better. Do not wait 5+ years.
 3. We should do this over several years.
 4. One potential site is East State St. east of Athens, and plant in clusters.
 - v. Identification of sites
 1. Recreation Center – can we add to trees near the Tennis courts where there are some beautiful catalpas donated by Ann Bonner?
 2. West State St. park has possible sites.
 3. Far East side has many possible sites.
 4. South side needs trees to replace lost ash trees and the stabilize the banks near streets.
 5. Ways to provide a list of potential sites.
 - a. One method that works is to provide the street name and the number of the house nearest to the possible location for a tree.
 - b. Another method is to describe the City buildings or facilities nearby.
 - vi. Maintenance/Training/Pruning
 1. We need to ensure that plantings are done with at least a one-year warranty and/or watering by the contractor planning the trees.
 2. We may need to require deer protection and vandal protection for newly planted trees.

