



City of Clarksville

Tree Board

June 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM
City Hall
4th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karla Gargus at 4:02 P.M.

2. Announce members in attendance (verify quorum)

Tree Board Members present:

Chairperson Karla Gargus

Kathrine Killebrew, City Forester

Levi Main

Councilperson Karen Reynolds

Derek Cooke (newly appointed, board member status official in July 2024)

Additional staff present:

Michael Palmore

Cindy Miller

3. Public Comments

None present.

4. Adoption of Minutes

A. April 10, 2024

Councilperson Reynolds motioned to approve, Levi Main seconded and the motion passed.

5. City Forester Report

Ms. Killebrew said the TAEP Grant is being re-done and the application process will start later this year than in the past.

Mr. Palmore reported that the Tree Board budget for FY25 is proposed to include \$2000.00 for training and \$2500 for supplies. He also reported that we are looking at a grant for a Tree Canopy Study.

6. Continuing Business

A. Tree Board Ordinance Subcommittee Update

Councilperson Reynolds said the Subcommittee will recommend adding a "Specimen Tree" designation to highlight the importance of trees that might one day become Landmark Trees so they are less likely to be cut down. She will finish a draft of the proposed ordinance revisions with input from committee members.

B. Tree Inventory Update

Mr. Palmore reported that the Tree Inventory identified 5800 trees rather than the original estimate of 10,000 so the cost will be less than anticipated. A brief written report will be included. Treekeeper software will become live at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1). After that, the plan is for our GIS department to import the data and maintain our own GIS database.

7. New Business

A. Tree Board Member Update

Newly appointed members who will become official in July include Breah Banks and Derek Cooke. Chairperson Karla Gargus and Levi Main are rolling off the board. Ms. Gargus noted that the Tree Board Facebook page is under her personal account and will need to be transferred.

B. Certificate Presentation

Councilperson Reynolds presented certificates of appreciation to Chairperson Karla Gargus and Levi Main.

8. Adjournment

Councilperson Reynolds motioned to adjourn, Levi Main seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 P.M.