



Town of Holly Springs Tree Advisory Committee Minutes: *April 12, 2021*

Development Services ■ 128 S. Main Street ■ P.O. Box 8 ■ Holly Springs, NC 27540

Agenda Item 1: ROLL CALL

The Tree Advisory Committee met virtually on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. when quorum was established.

Members Present: Rachel Woods, Chair
Kristina Natt och Dag, Vice Chair
Amanda Bowden, Secretary
Joe Fuller

Members Absent: Amber Duerbig

Ex-Officio

Members Present: Aaron Wolff/Christine Kelly
Thomas Urquhart
Len Lloyd

Ex-Officio

Members Absent: Julia Janosko

Staff Present: Melissa Sigmund
Cheryl Caines
Taylor Jackson
Rob Adams

Others Present: Bronwyn Bishop
John Sutherland

Agenda Item 2: Agenda Adjustment

None

Agenda Item 3: Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Motion by: Ms. Natt och Dag

Seconded by: Ms. Woods

Action: *The committee voted in favor of the motion. (4-0)*

Agenda Item 4: Staff Updates

a. Tree Care Workshop – April 17th

A discussion was held regarding how to fill spots. There are two classes currently at 11am and noon but only seven out of twenty spots are currently filled. The two classes may be condensed into one depending on sign ups.

Agenda Item 5: Action/Discussion Items

- a. Arbor Day Follow up
- b. Street Tree Replacement Program 2021
- c. Annual update to Town Council

The Arbor Day events went very well and Mr. Fuller was recognized and thanked for going above and beyond assisting with the tree plantings. Ms. Woods stated she gave out the extra trees over several days via social media postings. Discussions were held to go over what worked, what should be changed, and ideas for next year. Earlier planning, building upon previous planting areas for denser tree areas, more community events, more community outreach, tree plantings in the fall/winter with arbor day reveal, using TAC planted trees for tree care workshops, and TAC reaching out to other divisions of the town to assist with needed plantings were all ideas discussed. The Street Tree Replacement Program 2021 planted 24 trees for \$30,000. Over 70 people applied with preference given to trees already removed and at least 12 neighborhoods served. Some of the older neighborhoods are difficult to retrofit for street tree plantings due to utilities, roots, and stumps. Discussions were held regarding ways to reduce cost and increase trees planted. Ideas were raised to use volunteers, hybrid program for homeowners to have a course before planting the tree they were given, UDO changes to increase flexibility for HoAs and homeowners to change diseased or dead trees or poor tree placement, tree management plans and a permanent job position at the Town of Holly Springs. The annual Town Council update from the TAC will be on May 18, 2021 in person. Topics for the update include the TAC's short and long term goals, community outreach and educational programs, Tree City USA designation, Arbor Day 2021 events, Bass Lake tree hike and backpack program, and the Street Tree Replacement Program 2021. All TAC members can attend if desired with the details being worked out later.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

- a. Appreciation Gathering for outgoing members
- b. Announcements/Information Sharing

Mr. Fuller and Ms. Duerbig are TAC outgoing members. An outdoor member appreciation gathering will be planned. Mr. Wolff shared with the TAC that legislation h496 impacts the TAC and Holly Springs by stripping municipalities of the power to have tree ordinances. Mr. Jackson shared that Parks and Rec is planting 3 Okame Cherry Trees at Womble Park near the memorial swing set for Owen Reed Schroeder. The TAC was also informed that Sheetz has applied to build on the location of

the vacant Rite Aide. Ms. Natt och Dag put forth the idea to incorporate an air pollution/clean air class or program.

Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting Anticipated Topics: May 10th

More information on the Town Council TAC update and outgoing TAC member appreciation gathering.

Agenda Item 8: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Amanda Bowden
TAC Secretary