

Community Tree Council (CTC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 13, 2023

Location: 2555 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA

In Attendance:

Members: Patrick Perry, Jessie McClellan, Phil Hale, Pam Knox, Yvette Walcott, Lauren Ward, Shawn Doonan, Marry Attaway, Mary Songster, Jeanne Connell

Staff, Guests, and

Ex-Officio Members: Stacey Farrell, Mike Wharton, Carol Myers, Clara Nibbelink



Live Streaming and recording of the meeting began at 4:00pm

Meeting Called to order

Patrick Perry

4:00 pm

Patrick motion to open, 2nd with unanimous approval

January Minutes

Patrick motion to accept, Shawn 2nd with unanimous approval

Treasurer's Report

Pam Knox

January's statement and expenditures reported by Pam

Patrick motion to accept, 2nd with unanimous approval

MLK Day event tree planting

- January 16th event 20 people registered 20+ were present
- Holly presented an instructional briefing before planting began explaining the importance and how the success of the tree starts at the planting.
- One of the trees had to be rejected due to girdling roots at the root flare, which as a great demonstration to the volunteers.
- Replacement tree to be delivered 2.14 volunteers are needed for planting, LMD will provide staff for tree placement assistance.

Action Items: -Discuss details of Arbor Day Event

-2023 Executive Committee and Work Group Designations

Arbor Day Event: Friday February 17 from 5-7 at Authentic Brewing Company

Tables will be provided for the setup and allow CTC members to promote, educate citizens of the efforts, goals and importance of the CTC. The following items will be used at the event:

- Literature promoting CTC and various educational topics about arboriculture and community forestry for distribution
- KACCB is providing 100 saplings for distribution
- Sketches of the “Tree that owns itself” will be available for donation contributions, members decided upon the following contribution levels:
 - Small \$50-99
 - Medium \$100-299
 - Large \$300
 - Color matted Print \$500
- Create the option of QR code for donation acceptance.
- 2022 Tree City USA award

Patrick motion to accept, Pam 2nd with unanimous approval

CTC Committee and Work Group discussions:

Patrick opened the floor for nominations or volunteers for President elect. Mary Songster volunteered for president elect and Pam Knox volunteered to serve another term as treasurer.

2023 Executive Committee:

President Patrick Parry

President Elect Mary Songster

Treasurer Pam Knox

Secretary Landscape Management liaison

Patrick motion to accept, Mary Attaway 2nd with unanimous approval

Patrick made the goal for the council to have 2024 Executive Committee nominations and designations in October of 2023

New Member Interview Work Group:

Pam Knox, Patrick Perry, Mary Songster

Five member’s terms will be expiring at the end of 2023

Patrick expressed the need to begin recruitment for those not renewing positions and gaining overall interest in the CTC

CTC Trees for Tomorrow Work Group:

Phil Hale, May Attaway, Joe P., Pam Knox

Requested the information defining the obligations of the Carl Jordon Grove.
The request opened the conversation and importance of access to history and archives of the CTC
How history should be archived to better suit the efforts and needed information for future members

Grants & Fundraising Work Group:

Stacee Farrell, members will assist as needed

Further discussion is needed to determine what are the goals and grants needed to support
Coordinate with Sustainability office efforts and the ability to partner
Mike Wharton was present to share some of the possible opportunities to collaborate with CTC and some of the projects that The Office of Sustainability has worked on over the past few years that impacted our community forest and further development

Landmark & Champion Tree Work Group:

Shawn, Joe P, Lea, Phil, Jessie, Patrick Mary S.

Resuming efforts and promoting interest in the program, their goal to complete and update listing before the end of the year.

CTC Committee Reports (Information and Discussions)

Promotions Committee:

Mary Attaway, Joe P., Phil, Jessie, Tori

Green Life Awards
April 20th at the UGA Botanical Gardens
-Two awards for Tree Steward Business and Individual
Please contact committee members with nominations

Policy Committee:

Mary S., Patrick, Lauren

Seeking ideas and researching other communities on Fee-in Lieu of plantings and how the monies are used and controlled
Investigating Tree ordinance requirements of the C-D zoning district and how to balance the requirements across the county zoning requirements
Partnering with KACCB and ACC Transit for bus stop plantings for potential installations in November/December 2023
Discussion and better understanding for annual Holiday Tree selection and other options to discourage citizens from cutting down healthy trees for the purpose

Educational Committee:

Holly Campbell, Stacee, Sarah, Shawn

Holly informed everyone that the February Olli class was cancelled due to lack of participants

Next Meeting Monday March 13, 2023

Patrick made the motion to adjourn, 2nd, unanimous decision to close

5:30 pm

