

**FAIRVIEW MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting, Tuesday, 01 April 2014
7:00 pm

1. Chairperson, Debby Rainey called the March 2014 meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Roll was taken. A quorum was present.
In attendance: Debby Rainey, Chairperson; Larry Richards–Vice Chairperson; Beverly Totty, Mayor; Jack Cannon; Lisa Anderson, Planning Commission Chairperson; Mike Berkley, City Arborist; Jane Woodall, Secretary.
Absent: Stuart Johnson, Vice Mayor;
Guests: Diane Adcock, PGM Properties; City Manager, Wayne Hall
3. Approval of Agenda: LRichards moved to approve the agenda; BTotty seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the agenda for the April 2014 meeting as is; none opposed.
4. Approval of Minutes: BTotty moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; LRichards seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes for the March 2014 meeting with no changes; none opposed.
5. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.
6. Old Business
 - 6.1. Bowie Commons noncompliance with Landscape– follow-up discussion:

MBerkley stated that on 04 NOV 2013, he conducted an inventory of Bowie Commons as requested by Former Codes Manager, Donn Lovvorn. (MBerkley reminded the Tree Commission that, per the original design plan, the Landscape Plan had non-approved trees included. MBerkley spoke with Skip Hebert Associates (Landscape Architect) who made adjustments and MBerkley had approved the revisions on behalf of the Tree Commission based on the adjustments.)

When MBerkley completed the assessment of the trees at Mr. Lovvorn's request, he noted 39 Canadian hemlocks were dead along with a mixture of other trees, all totally 71 dead trees. He also counted the shrubs and noted that 31 Inkberry Hollies had died. Most of the trees that died were behind the Mapco (hardwoods) and evergreens behind the Publix building. Per the Tree Ordinance, the trees are to be replaced with the same species.

Per MBerkley, what actually happened was that 23 trees were replaced and 79 shrubs were replaced, not by the plan.

Action to be taken: the original number of trees need to be put back in and 31 inkberry holly shrubs are to be replaced.

Per Ms. Adcock, representing PGM Properties, when she spoke with DLovvorn, she was told they could put more in the front and then when this was done and she spoke with Mr. Lovvorn, she was told that all was done. Ms. Adcock noted that PGM has spent \$18K already. They could replace the Canadian hemlocks, but they would just die again. It was noted that there is no irrigation in the back on the slope.

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MBerkley noted that of the 108 cedar trees that were planted, only 1 died. He also noted that Canadian hemlocks do not naturally occur in this area and did not recommend replacing these with more hemlocks. Instead, for the evergreens in the back, MBerkley recommended replacing with 64 cedars (replacing the 1 cedar that died as well).

Plan: Ms. Adcock agreed to have the property landscaper contact MBerkley to meet on the property to locate the remaining (dead) hardwood trees.

MBerkley noted that the work order used to replace the trees the first time included the following:

- 2 Red Sunset maples
- 8 Overcup oaks
- 5 Eastern Red cedars (there was a question of where these are located)
- 2 Patmore ash
- 6 Willow oaks
- 31 Inkberry holly bushes
- 8 Compactus holly bushes
- 20 Burning Bushes (added for color – not on the original landscape list) (also noted that these are on the State of TN invasive exotic species list and were planted on 3-foot centers, but get up to 5-foot.)
- 20 Knockout Rose bushes (added for color – not on the original landscape list)

Ms. Adcock shared that PGM wants to be a good neighbor, but does not want to waste money. MBerkley mentioned that for the evergreens, either Virginia pine trees or cedars would do well in this area.

The discussion moved to the irrigation in the planting “islands” and Ms. Adcock noted that it was “valued” engineered – that is, it works, but it may not have as many heads as they would have liked.

Action recommended:

- Remove all Burning bushes and replace with ½ as many Inkberry holly bushes.
- Replace dead trees – replace hardwood trees with the same species tree
- Put in 64 cedars (or more if more have died) to replace the hemlocks

Once in compliance with the ordinance, the Tree Commission will alert the Planning Commission who can recommend to the BOC for final approval.

The action recommended was put in the form of a motion by JWoodall and seconded by JCannon. A vote was taken and was approved with none opposed.

(There was a side discussion following, regarding the line of credit for PGM properties, but this was determined not to be a part of the Tree Commissions responsibilities.)

6.2. Loblolly Pines on city property – follow-up on BOC recommendation.

This item was tabled until the May 2014 meeting. The Board was asked to review the Tree Planting and Replacement Ordinance to review the jurisdiction and authority of the Tree Commission.

6.3. Bowie Lake Road "street scape" plan – Update on BOC decision.

This item was tabled until the May 2014 meeting.

6.4. Update on Tree Bank Funds – All monies are still present in the account.

7. Adjournment: With no further business, DRainey adjourned the meeting 8:05 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be 06 May 2014.