

**FAIRVIEW MUNICIPAL TREE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting, Tuesday, 04 November 2014
7:00 pm

1. Chairperson, Debby Rainey called the November 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; Jack Cannon; Mike Berkley, City Arborist; Jane Woodall, Secretary.
Absent: Beverly Totty, Mayor; Stuart Johnson, Vice Mayor; Lisa Anderson, Planning Commission Chairperson.
Guests: City Manager, Wayne Hall;
3. Approval of Agenda: LRichards moved to approve the agenda. JCannon seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the agenda for the October 2014 meeting as is; none opposed.
4. Approval of Minutes: JCannon moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; LRichards seconded the motion. The Board approved the minutes for the October 2014 meeting as is; none opposed.
5. Old Business
 - 5.1. Bowie Commons noncompliance – Although there has been some mulching and planting of small items, there has been no activity toward the replacement of the dead trees. If no activity is noted by the end of November, the Codes Department will be sending another letter of compliance and request a PGM representative be present at the December Tree Commission meeting. DRainey asked why we do not go ahead and send the letter now to meet the planting season and WHall agreed; he will request the letter to go out on Monday (following this meeting). At a minimum, the dead trees should be removed.
 - 5.2. Mapco Property noncompliance – Same as 5.1.
 - 5.3. Walmart Landscape – Same scenario as 5.1.
 - 5.4. Dead trees on City Hall Property – Some planting flags have been placed in a staggered position on the southeast corner of the City Hall property to mark the possible locations for the planting of trees as a screen. MBerkley suggested the trees be planted now as a screen for the back of the buildings to be coming at the side of City Hall in the future. The plantings will be such to avoid the road that will go through in front of the proposed planting area. MBerkley recommended six (6) *Juniperus virginiana* “Burkii” to use as the “screen” and provided the Board with a sheet noting he located a source for these at Hawkersmith Nursery in Tullahoma, TN, at a price of \$237.00 each (does not include delivery to Fairview, TN). These are 12-foot trees. Total price would be \$1422.00 (again, this does not include delivery to Fairview, TN).

In addition to the trees proposed as a screening, since the official city tree is the redbud, MBerkley suggested that redbud trees could be tastefully planted in clusters of varieties – MBerkley said he could envision a “Redbud Festival” at some time in the city.

Regarding the selection of a “companion” to the evergreen Christmas tree, MBerkley recommended one (1) *Juniperus virginiana* “Burkii” and this was included on the sheet provided to the Board. This could also be purchased from Hawkersmith Nursery in Tullahoma, TN, at a price of \$237.00 (does not include delivery to Fairview, TN). This is also a 12-foot tree.

LRichards made a motion to accept the proposed selection of trees (7 total) with the cost as noted. JCannon seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion; none opposed

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- 5.5. Proposed BOC change in the Tree Bank Ordinance – update on any BOC discussion: WHall provided that the BOC approved revised wording to the ordinance. The BOC approved their original wording and this did not include the Tree Board recommendations to include 50-foot adjacent area and to exclude the easement (that is, BOC voted to retain the inclusion of the easement).
- 5.6. Orchard trees for the Community Garden – Follow-up on any suggestions for species/varieties: With the BOC passing the revision to the Tree Bank Ordinance wording, the issue with the placement of the orchard tree trees is resolved. MBerkley will provide a list of proposed tree varieties – Kinnaird's Choice is a suggested variety for the apple trees. JCannon stated he would check with High School principal, Dr. Orr, on a date for the planting and assist in staking the location for placement of the trees.
6. New business:
 - 6.1. Definition and meaning of “Landscape” in the current Tree Bank Ordinance (MBerkley): MBerkley attended a BOC meeting to define “landscape” according to the American Society of Landscape Architects. Basically, “landscaping” encompasses anything visual. For the purpose of the use of the Tree Bank funds, the Tree Board suggested that the use of the funds be limited to trees and that the definition of a “tree” would include anything that grows and the materials to maintain what is purchased by the Tree Bank. How to decide what comes out of the Tree Bank funds is up to the BOC.
7. Update on Tree Bank Funds – WHall reported that \$98,342.45 in the fund. WHall noted that MBerkley has been paid for the three (3) paw paw trees for Bowie Nature Park. The funds have been appropriated for the fruit trees, but the check has not been written. WHall also noted that since the orchard trees will be moved closer to the school, next summer they may need “gator bags” for watering.
8. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.
9. Adjournment: With no further business, DRainey adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be 02 December 2014. JCannon noted that he might not be able to attend the December meeting.