

Jacksonville Tree Commission

Minutes

Wednesday February 19, 2025, - 9:30 AM

Via Zoom Platform & In Person

[Recording of Meeting can be obtained by sending request to
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For approval March 19, 2025

Commissioners:

Curtis L. Hart, Chair (Council Appointee; 2021-0033-A)
Susan Fraser (Council Appointee; 2022-0063-A)
Vacant (Mayor Appointee; 2023-0696-A)
William Burke (Mayor Appointee; 2023-0695-A)
Alden Howell (Council Appointee; 2024-0388-A)
Chris Miller Council Liaison

Advisors:

Jonathan Colburn - Urban Forestry Manager
Justin Gearhart - City Arborist
Shannon MacGillis - Office of General Counsel
Jose Regueiro - Accounting

Staff: Joe Rainey

1. Call to Order

Conducted by Chair

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum

Conducted by Chair, Commissioners present:

Curtis Hart, Chair
Susan Fraser
William Burke
Chris Miller

Quorum present (4, in person): yes

3. Call for Public Speakers (online & card):

Action Items:

1. Prior Meeting Minutes.

Issue: The minutes from January 15, 2024, APPROVED

Motion: Approve, as presented.

Moved by: Susan Fraser

Second: William Burke

Vote: September minutes approved, unanimous.

2. Level 2 Project Proposal(s):

i. Jacksonville Zoo- Justin Gearhart

Received a request for planting at Jacksonville zoo, adding new path connecting their boat ramp to the zoo. The zoo is public property, owned by City of Jacksonville. They're requesting sixty four trees. Seventeen Bald Cypress, nineteen Live Oak, five Southern Red Cedar, thirteen Little Gems, and ten Cabbage Palms.

\$141,164.00

Motion: Approve, as presented.

Moved by: Susan Fraser

Second: William Burke

Vote: Jacksonville Zoo approved, unanimous

ii. Five Points - Justin Gearhart

Request to remove and replace Palm Trees in 5-Points, retain the Crepe Myrtles and relandscape the beds. 13 Eagleston Holly and Winged Elm.

\$35,226.79

Motion: Approve, as presented.

Moved by: Susan Fraser

Second: William Burke

Vote: Five Points approved, unanimous

Actions: Correct Check list

iii. Amelia View Phase 3 - Justin Gearhart

A tree planting project has been requested for planting in the community of Amelia View off of Starratt road. This project includes the planting of 22 total trees, with no tree removals necessary. One Japanese Blueberry, two Live Oak, 11 Southern Red Cedar, eight Red Maple.

\$44,630.60

Motion: Approve, as presented.

Moved by: William Burke

Second: Chris Miller

Vote: Amelia View approved, unanimous

3. Financial Report: Jose Regueiro:

a. Combined revenues: Combined Revenues for Fiscal YTD are \$2.15M compared to \$1.43K Jan-24. An increase of \$7.23K year-on-year. Combined Expenses for Fiscal YTD are \$1.15M compared to \$2.461 Mon Jan-24. A decrease of \$1.31M year-on-year. Combined Revenues for Jan-25 were \$323.4K compared to \$494.1 K for Jan-24, a decrease of \$170.7K. Meanwhile, expenses were \$381.1K and \$640.3K on Jan-25 and Jan-24, respectively. Total unallocated funds were \$22.38M for Jan-25.

b. Fund Status: Justin Gearhart: Total funds not appropriated \$31.86M. Remaining in the three pools in public works \$1.78M. For 630-City \$2.09M. For level 2 \$4.1M and Level 3 \$2.3M.

Total obligated funds \$3.475M as of January, 2025

(See Details on PGs 25-47 of January Agenda)

4. Status of Level 2: Justin Gerhart: No update from year end

Hanna Park is off warranty. Merrill Road and Murray Hill and Gonzalez Park installs complete. They're now on warranty. Sheffield Park and Westside Park is off warranty.

No Motion/ No Vote.

5. Parks Department Project Update: Maxwell Park is complete Black Hammock Island Park is complete, Touchton park is about ninety percent complete. Rockridge also, probably around ninety percent. Brackridge also, probably around ninety percent. Glynolia is in progress, fifty percent right now. Julington, Durban, Walter Anderson, Genovar, Greenland, Palmetto Leaves are upcoming to be scheduled.

No Motion/ No Vote.

(See Details on PGs 48-51 of February Agenda)

6. UFMP Update: Valerie Feinberg: UFMP has engaged the services of consultant Davie Resource Group (a division of Davey Tree Expert Company), Representatives came to introduce themselves and answer questions.

CONCERNS: Questions regarding scope (City owned property vs entirety of county and best practices), communications of developments with tree Commission and details of Master Plan. Request for greater details of scope of work and end goals.

No Motion/ No Vote.

7. New Business

Hart: Silva Cell tour at RiversEdge. Discussion regarding install details and tour. No representation to provide details for scheduled visit. Trail infrastructure is complete. Calander has problems and visits will need to be scheduled with Jill Enz directly.

Ordinance 2025-102: Discussion of initial ordinance details, the ordinance is still in committees being modified and approved and are subject to change as advisement is provided. Suggested assessment be made of impact to tree commission should ordinance be past. Details of possible changes to tree fund application in tree size, type and density.

No Motion/ No Vote.

(See Details on PGs 52-60 of January Agenda)

END OF MEETING 10:20123e AM

ATTACHMENT 1

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