

Jacksonville Tree Commission

Minutes

Wednesday January 15, 2024, - 9:30 AM

Via Zoom Platform & In Person

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For approval February 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  
Nina Sickler, Director of Public Works

**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  
Nina Sickler  
William Burke  
Chris Miller

**Quorum present** (4, in person): yes

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

- a) **Lisa Grubba (Public Speaker) Greenscape** Informed and invited the Tree Commission to "The Great Tree Give Away and Paper Recycle Day" event Lot E Everbank Field January 18<sup>th</sup> 2025
- b) **John Nooney - (Public Speaker)** Describes his concerns with police citation and river access problems. Continues to be troubled regarding 2.5 Acre lot and adjacent FEMA house still undemolished.

#### **Action Items:**

##### **1. Prior Meeting Minutes.**

**Issue:** The minutes from December 18, 2024, APPROVED

**Motion:** Approve, as presented.

**Moved by:** Nina Sickler

**Second:** William Burke

**Vote:** September minutes approved, unanimous.

##### **2. Level 2 Project Proposal(s):**

No update

##### **3. Financial Report: Jose Regueiro:**

**a. Combined revenues:** Fiscal year \$1.82M compared to \$931.3K on December 23. Combined expenses yearly are \$766.8K, compared to \$1.821M combined revenues for December 2024. \$610.9K compared to \$327K for December 2023, an increase of \$283.9K. Meanwhile, expenses were \$357.3K, \$1.21M on December 2024 and December 2023 respectively.

(See Details on PGs 8-21 of January Agenda)

**b.** Discussion of \$570K funds from JTA and is not under the control of the Tree Commission used for remove and replace only.

**c. Fund Status: Justin Gearhart:** Total funds not appropriated \$32.45M. 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 22-30 of January Agenda)

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

**NOTED: many purchase orders beginning next week.**

**No Motion/ No Vote.**

**5. Parks Department Project Update: No update from year end**

**No Motion/ No Vote.**

(See Details on PGs 31-34 of January Agenda)

**6. UFMP Update: Valerie Feinberg:** UFMP has engaged the services of consultant David Resources and are developing strategies. UFMP team will be present next meeting to introduce themselves and offer answers to any questions the Tree Commission may have. ETA to completion, contract is 15 months.

**No Motion/ No Vote.**

**7. New Business**

**Fraser:** Taskforce meeting January 27, 2025 overview of task force progress and goals. Describe Toronto green scape program article included in agenda. Discussion of tree benefits and growth rates related to tree size at planting.

**No Motion/ No Vote.**

(See Details on PGs 35-39 of January Agenda)

END OF MEETING 9:57AM

ATTACHMENT 1