

Jacksonville Tree Commission

Minutes

Wednesday February 18th 2026, 9:31 AM- 11:01 AM

Via Zoom Platform & In Person

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For approval January 21st, 2026

**Commissioners:**

Curtis L. Hart, Chair (Council Appointee; 2021-0033-A)  
William Burke Vice Chair (Mayor Appointee; 2023-0695-A)  
Susan Fraser (Council Appointee; 2022-0063-A)  
Vacant (Mayor Appointee; 2023-0696-A)  
Alden Howell (Council Appointee; 2024-0388-A)  
Raul Arias, Council Liaison  
Nina Sickler, Director of Public Works

**Advisors:**

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

**Staff:** Joe Rainey

**1. Call to Order**

Conducted by Chair

**2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**

Conducted by Curtis L. Hart, Chair,

Commissioners present:

Curtis L. Hart  
William Burke  
Nina Sickler  
Susan Fraser  
Alden Howell

**Quorum present** (4, in person): No

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

i. Nicole Kresse, GreenScape: Updates; Give away, Stolen and damaged trees.

ii. John Noonie: Seeking resolution from Tree Commission.

**a. Action Items:**

**4. Prior Meeting Minutes.**

**Issue:** Approval of Minutes: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Meeting

**Motion:** Approve

**Moved by:** Nina Sickler

**Second:** William Burke

**Vote:** Approved unanimous

**Out of Order Item: Daryl Joseph Request for two arborist positions funded by tree commission.**

**Discussion:** How would funds be allocated in relation to current staff and budget? Will the funded positions negatively impact current Parks funding? Request is for position and does not include equipment. Memorandum from Parks Dept. defining how the positions would benefit the Tree Fund to include a metric of progress and goals. Details need to be provided By Parks before Tree Commission approval and submission to City Council. Chair has requested the information be provided to Commissioners with time to review prior to next meeting.

**5. Financial Report for Ordinance Tree Fund (15304), Charter Tree Fund (15305) and BJP (Attachment D) - Marites Lucero**

1. Combined Revenues for Fiscal YTD are \$2.93M compared to \$2.78M Feb-25. An increase of \$149.1K year-on-year.
2. Combined Expenses for Fiscal YTD are \$1.66M compared to \$1.69M on Feb-25. A decrease of \$33.7K year-on-year.
3. Combined Revenues for Feb-26 were \$392.6K compared to \$631K for Feb-25, a decrease of \$238.4K. Meanwhile, expenses were \$220.6K and \$546.6K on Feb-26 and Feb-25, respectively.
4. The combined Ordinance and Charter Unappropriated/Unallocated was \$28.7 million as of Feb-26.
5. For BJP Total unallocated funds were \$0 for Feb-26.

**Discussion:** Addition of Staffing costs on report

**6. Fund Status of 630-CITY, Remove & Replace and Level 2 Programs (Attachment E) - Justin Gearhart**

Total funds not appropriated at \$35,34M. Remaining in the four pools \$9.42M (R and R 1.78M; 630-City \$1.9M; Level 2 \$1.22M; and Level 3 \$2.1M).

Total obligated funds are \$2.3M as of February, 2026.

**1. Level 3 Project Proposals: NONE**

**8. Level 2 Project Proposals: Discussed out of order**

i. Landmark Middle School - Justin Gearhart

**Motion:** Approve, for \$223,201.01

**Moved by:** Nina Sickler

**Second:** William Burke

**Vote: approved as presented, unanimous for \$223,201.01**

**10. UFMP Update, Dr Jennifer Hinton:** UFMP is ahead of schedule, Canopy data is coming in and UFMP plans a presentation in April.

**11. Taskforce:** In progress and coming close to conclusion, Review of Prime AE and Taskforce findings. Schedule of February Meeting.

**13. New Business: Presented Out of order**

**February 2026 Tree Commission Ask**

**Discussion:** Overview of how funds are requested and timing of requests. Decisions regarding funding request at next Council meeting.

**14. Old Business:** Position(s) funding parameters provided to Parks for this to be seen before Commission next meeting. Specific details as to what parks need to provide to the commission for these positions to be discussed for approval by commission. Documents and details are needed at least a week before next Commission meeting for Commission to review. Recommended for parks to withdraw until a future date. Parks will inform Commission before next meeting.

END OF MEETING 11:01 AM

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ATTACHMENT 1