

# City of Gainesville

City Hall  
200 East University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

September 9, 2020

4:00 PM

Virtual Teleconference Meeting

## **Tree Advisory Board**

*Erick Smith (Chair)*  
*Jason Smith (Member)*  
*Marc Frank (Member)*  
*C. Elisabeth Manley (Member)*  
*Ryan Klein (Student Seat)*

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**1 Call to Order - 4:00 PM****2 Roll Call**

[200305.](#) **Approve Agenda**

[200306.](#) **Approve Minutes of August 12th, 2020 Meeting**

[8-12-20 TAB Meeting Minutes - Draft](#)

**3 New Business**

[200307.](#) **ISA Florida Chapter Urban Tree Decay Study**

*Explanation: The Florida Chapter of the ISA has funded a study which will examine the interaction of fungi and tree decay in some of the more common tree species found in Gainesville, Orlando, and Tampa, Florida. Much of the existing research guiding the evaluation of tree decay caused by fruiting bodies is based in climates and tree species that are not found in Florida, thus creating a "biological disconnect" between the existing research and the actual species found locally. The project would then examine the role of fungi in the decline of tree species that are relevant to the region, creating a more specialized understanding of fungi and decay apart from the traditional understanding established by research conducted in other climates. Fruiting bodies would be sampled from street and public trees in Gainesville, Orlando, and Tampa. The goal of the project is ultimately to provide local arborists with tools to identify the fungi that would actually be problematic to some of the most common trees found Florida, allowing them to better manage tree risks and hazards.*

[200308.](#) **2020 Urban Forestry Workshop Planning**

*Explanation: The annual Urban Forestry Workshop is typically held as a conference on the first Wednesday of December. With social distancing requirements due to COVID-19, an in-person conference will not likely be feasible; a webinar will be hosted instead. Topics, speakers, and other program details should be delineated in advance with the cooperation of the City Beautification Board.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Discuss the objectives of the workshop, its structure and duration, and begin compiling a list of possible speakers for the event.*

**4 Old Business**[200197.](#)**Continue Discussions Regarding Tree Ordinance Revisions**

*Explanation: Staff initiated a discussion with the Tree Advisory Board in March 2020 with suggested revisions to parts of the Land Development Code which pertain to tree regulations. City Arborist Dave Conser would like to continue this discussion with the board to reach consensus on necessary ordinance improvements.*

**Legislative History**

8/12/20      Tree Advisory      Discussed  
   Board

[DIVISION 2. TREES AND LANDSCAPE \(1\)](#)

[Minutes05-Aug-2020-02-44-43](#)

[Sec. 30 8.7. Permits for tree removal mitigation. 1-23-20 Emily suggesti](#)

[Sec. 30 8.44. Violations enforcement and penalties. 1-23-20 Emily sugg](#)

**5 Public Works Update****6 GRU Update****7 Dept. of Sustainable Development Update****8 Adjourn - 6:00 PM**