

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Agenda

August 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Thomas Center Room 105

Tree Advisory Board

Marc Frank (Member)
C. Elisabeth Manley (Member)
Ryan Klein (Member)
Larsen McBride (Member)
Erick Smith (Member)
Dana Willson (Student Seat)

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CALL TO ORDER**ROLL CALL****ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA****APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 211485.** Approval of Minutes from the Tree Advisory Board Meeting of July 13, 2022 (B)
7-13-22 Meeting Minutes

DISCUSSION

- 211294.** Tree Advisory Board review of Gainesville Regional Utilities Vegetation Management Department

Explanation: The Tree Advisory Board is to review the importance of GRU's line clearance tree trimming program for reliability, employee and public safety, and the health of the urban forest.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact

RECOMMENDATION *The TAB reviews and approves of Gainesville Regional Utilities Vegetation Management Department*

TAB review of GRU Vegetation Management Program end result

Frank Revision TAB review of GRU Vegetation Management Program

McBride Revision TAB review of GRU Vegetation Management Program

- [210900.](#) **Proposed Revision to Gainesville's Code (B)**

Explanation: The proposed code revision will better utilize the Tree Mitigation Fund, change the possibilities of citing regulated tree removal without a permit, and clarifying mitigation language.

Fiscal Note: The Tree Mitigation Fund will be accessed to responsibly fund tree canopy on private property.

RECOMMENDATION *The Tree Advisory Board discuss, amend, and approve of the proposed code revisions.*

Tree Advisory Board's Suggested Revision:

Land Development Code, Sec. 30-8.7, C.2

2. Mitigation payment. Mitigation payment shall be based on tree

appraised value, or as otherwise specified in this code. Payment shall be made prior to the approval of a final development order, or prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any development requiring only building permits. Mitigation payments received by the city shall be deposited in the city tree mitigation fund, which must be used in accordance with this subsection.

This fund may be used for

- a) new tree and native landscape planting and establishment on city-owned property, including purchase of trees, irrigation supplies, mulch, equipment, staking materials, fertilizer, and contractual services*
- b) purchase and supply of trees for planting on private property, with adequate and appropriate oversight and accountability, as determined by the City Manager or designee*
- c) structural pruning of trees on city-owned property*
- d) the preservation of tree canopy (with an emphasis on preserving high quality tree species) through the purchase of conservation lands, and associated acquisition costs including survey, fencing, appraisal, and invasive control*
- e) site preparation and planting and / or natural regeneration of native forests*
- f) an ecological assessment of the urban forest every five years and for an update of the urban forest management plan every ten years*
- g) arboriculture, landscape architecture, engineering and other professional services related to the development of landscaping plans*
- h) city employee or intern positions that support the above programs*

This fund shall not be used for regularly scheduled right-of-way tree trimming/maintenance or toward the installation of new trees that would already be required for a development.

[8-5-22 Tree Advisory Board Suggested Code Revisions for TMF](#)

[Tree Advisory Board Suggested Code Revisions 5-11-22](#)

[Alternative Proposed Revision to Gainesville's Code Regarding Use of the Tree](#)

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Tree Appraised Value Evaluation

[201067.](#)

Discuss Updated Approved Tree List for the Tree Ordinance (B)

Explanation: Develop an updated list of approved trees contained within the Land Development Code for reference by our neighbors and community builders. This list has relevance for new development required planting, replanting requirements on established development, codes enforcement and other uses.

Strategic Connection

This item is connected to Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience - a normal priority item.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

The Tree Advisory Board 1) review tree documentation; and 2) arrive at a consensus for a suggested revision to the Code.

[Tree List For TAB Meeting 05-11-2022](#)

[201067J Manley FL Code of Ord Tree List LDC Sec 30-8.10 20210616](#)

[GNV High Quality Canopy Tree List](#)

[GNV High Quality Understory Tree List](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEMBER COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURNMENT