

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Minutes - Final

September 11, 2019

3:00 PM

405 NW 39 AVE - Room 116

Tree Board of Appeals

*E. J. Bolduc (Member)
Ivor Kincaide (Chair)
Russell Adams (Member)*

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1 Call to Order - 3:09 PM**2 Roll Call**

Present 3 - Member Bolduc III, Chair Kincaide, and Member Adams

3 [190375.](#) Approve Agenda for September 11th, 2019

EJ Bolduc motioned to hear the appeal case prior to approving the previous meeting's minutes; seconded Russell Adams; vote- unanimous

A motion was made by Member Bolduc, III, seconded by Member Adams, that this Matter be Approved as Modified. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Member Bolduc III, Chair Kincaide, and Member Adams

4 [190376.](#) Approve Minutes from Tree Board of Appeals Meeting May 23rd, 2019

Mr. Bolduc motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Adams seconded; vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Member Bolduc, III, seconded by Member Adams, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Member Bolduc III, Chair Kincaide, and Member Adams

5 [190377.](#) Appeal Case: 815 SE 19th ST

Liliana Kolluri presented the case of a Sand Live Oak that was denied at 815 SE 19th ST. Ms. Kolluri presented pictures of the tree at multiple angles, including pictures that indicated the lean that Mrs. Cobb was concerned about. Mr. Adams inquired about the location of the powerlines in reference to the tree. Ms. Kolluri stated that she had discussed the option of pruning the limbs of the tree away from the home. Mr. Bolduc raised the question of how the lean had occurred; it appeared the lean occurred as it was fairly mature.

Mr. Adams asked Mrs. Cobb why she wanted to remove the tree. Mrs. Cobb stated she was concerned about hurricanes having recently moved to Gainesville, that her husband had passed recently and that she would feel unequipped should something happen with the tree, that if it fell she fears damage to her roof, and that the shade the tree gives obscures sunlight from reaching her orange trees. Mrs. Cobb asked who would prune the tree; Mr. Kincaide advised that the city cannot trim trees on private property. He also advised that trimming the tree would be much cheaper than removal, and that Mrs. Cobb would be likely to get a good price if she had the pruning done on the Sand Live Oak at the same time that she has the unregulated pine removed.

Mr. Adams advised that he is sympathetic to Mrs. Cobb's case, but that the tree is in good health. Mrs. Cobb inquired as to what the tree is providing to the city. Mr. Adams and Mr. Kincaide answered that the tree provides canopy cover.

Mr. Kincaide also explained the difference between the Sand Live Oak and other trees when a lean develops and that the Sand Live Oak is a strong species and her tree is a good tree. Mr. Adams also noted that the Sand Live Oak is one of the strongest. Mr. Bolduc related his own experience with a Sand Live Oak on his property and that he is not concerned that it will damage his property despite it leaning directly over his house.

Mr. Adams added that reduction cuts would help address Mrs. Cobb's concerns.

Mr. Kincaide also offered to give Mrs. Cobb contact information for arborists who can offer a good prices. Mrs. Cobb asked whether their decision would be put in writing. Ms. Nieves advised she would provide her a copy of the minutes of the meeting. Ivor explained the new Florida Statute 163.045 to Mrs. Cobb. Mr. Adams also explained the difference in resilience between the Sand Live Oak and the pine on her property and agreed that she should move forward with removing the pine, but that the Sand Live Oak is strong.

Mr. Adams motioned to deny the request to remove the Sand Live Oak; Mr.

Bolduc seconded; vote was unanimous. Mr. Bolduc advised Mrs. Cobb that if she gets a hold of a certified arborist that disagrees with the Board's assessment to give the City a call. Mr. Adams thanked Mrs. Cobb for coming.

A motion was made by Member Adams, seconded by Member Bolduc, III, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended (Denial). The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Member Bolduc III, Chair Kincaide, and Member Adams

3 Adjournment - 3:51 PM