

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

January 13, 2021

4:00 PM

Virtual Workshop

Tree Advisory Board

Erick Smith (Chair)
Jason Smith (Member)
Marc Frank (Member)
C. Elisabeth Manley (Member)
Russell Adams (Member)
Elisabeth Staten (Student Seat)

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

Present 5 - Member Frank, Chair Smith, Member Manley, Adams, and Student Seat Staten

Absent 1 - Member Smith

3 New Business[200683.](#)

Community Outreach Following Completion of Urban Forest Management Plan

Member Manley suggests the board comes up with a high-level presentation to introduce the public to urban forestry. Member Frank suggests that the board has a recorded presentation that can be used by the public for any community meetings. Member Adams mentions that he is working with Dr. Gilman on creating pruning content. The board discussed many options for presentation topics, as well as rules regarding publishing a public presentation.

4 Old Business[200197.](#)

Continue Discussions Regarding Tree Ordinance Revisions

The board discusses the tree matrix and what it means to the City of Gainesville. Member Frank and Member Adams agree that the matrix should not include invasive trees or trees that are not recommended for planting. Member Manley States that the tree matrix has too much knowledge that is not required in codes and should be thinned down. Member Frank says that the tree matrix should not be used as an inventory of what is in Gainesville, but to find a better purpose for it. Member Manley brings up the discussion for root zone volume requirements for landscape plantings. The board discusses the topic, Member Adams says it should take into account the type of soil.

RECOMMENDATION

Review proposed ordinance language and recommend revisions.

5 Public Works Update

Arborist Conser describes his current work such as preconstruction inspections, tree permits, and new plantings that the horticulturalist is working on. Conser also discusses new idea of a community arborist society.

6 GRU Update

Forester Wolf says that GRU has thinned pines at Deerhaven and they hope to do a Rx burn soon. He also mentioned that the Christmas Eve storm caused 15,000

GRU customers out of power.

7 Dept. of Sustainable Development Update

The urban forest management plan has been presented during the commission meeting on January 6th. The department of sustainable development is discussing the role it will play in the 5 year plan of implementing the management plan.

8 Adjourn - 6:05 PM