



Nassau County
Amelia Island Tree Commission (NC-AITC)
Agenda
Wednesday, July 5th, 2023
5:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 7, 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation by Dr. Taylor Clem, UF/IFAS Extension
 - a. Tree 101
5. Presentation by Joe Pitcherelle, Nassau County-Urban Forester
 - a. Funding mechanism for the tree planting program
6. Approval of Meeting Schedule
7. Next Steps
8. Adjourn



AMELIA ISLAND TREE COMMISSION
5:00 PM, June 7, 2023
James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Call to Order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT:

Board Member Steven Sherman, Board Member Karen Klima, Board Member David Jensen, and Board Member Ron Flick

ABSENT:

Board Member Lynda Bell

ALSO PRESENT:

Denise May, County Attorney, and Aleina Colón, Deputy Clerk

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the meeting minutes for September 7, 2022.

Maker: Board Member Klima

Second: Board Member Flick

Action: Approve

Aye: Board Member Sherman, Board Member Klima, Board Member Jensen, and Board Member Flick.

Absent: Board Member Bell.

Public Comment: None.

Review NC-AITC Powers and Duties Presentation

Staff presentation: Joe Pitcherelle, Planning Department, came forward to provide a PowerPoint presentation regarding the powers and duties of the Board and the Nassau County Tree Planting Program. He provided a summary of the powers and duties and reviewed the Nassau County Tree Planting Program. He stated that the duties include establishing strategies for public and private tree planting programs, reviewing restoration plans, and making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. He advised that a tree planting program needs to be established and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Gabriel Quintas, Planning Department, came forward to expand on the powers and duties of the Board.

He explained that there are provisions regarding the reduced tree protection zone, appeals which is being revised and partially stricken due to contradictory language in the ordinance. Ms. May provided additional clarification regarding appeals. Mr. Quintas stated that the Committee would review permits for removing specimen trees. Dr. Taylor Clem affirmed that he would create a "Tree-101" presentation for the next meeting, per the Board's request.

Review Restoration Plans: None.

Hear and Decide Appeals: None.

Preliminary Discussion Regarding the Establishment of a Tree Planting Program

Staff presentation: Mr. Pitcherelle came forward to provide a PowerPoint regarding the establishment of a Tree Planting Program. The Committee requested further information on tree planting programs, areas of most need, and a gap assessment be provided at the next meeting. Further discussion ensued regarding the possible use of the CLAM rankings to locate potential properties for tree planting.

Establish a Meeting Schedule

Staff recommended the first Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. Mr. Quintas affirmed that a meeting calendar would be brought before the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Next Steps

Staff presentation: Mr. Quintas provided a summary of the proposed recommended changes for the revisions to the tree protection ordinance and noted that a draft is currently unavailable due to the revisions being made. He explained that the proposed revisions are too better protect tree canopy and the habitats of Amelia Island, seeing that the current ordinance has not proven very effective at requiring or incentivizing the preservation of trees and tree canopies on Amelia Island.

Adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Approve Adjourn
Maker: Board Member Flick
Second: Board Member Klima
Action: Approve
Aye: Board Member Sherman, Board Member Klima, Board Member Jensen, and Board Member Flick.
Absent: Board Member Bell.

Chairman



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Nassau County
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2023
Meeting Calendar

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

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