

Terrebonne Tree Board

Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2014



Opening

The regular meeting of the Terrebonne Tree Board was called to order at 11:30am on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the sixth floor conference room of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Building by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair. An invocation was offered by Sandy Ostheimer.

Present

Laura Browning
Trudy Hebert
JoAnn Kirkpatrick
Corey Messina
Sandy Ostheimer
Diane Theriot

Bruce Verdun

Chris Pulaski, Sr. Planner, TPCG Liaison
David Luke – TPCG Advisor
Linda Henderson – TPCG

Absent

Teri Ferguson
Barton Joffrion- notified Board of schedule conflict

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 14, 2013 and December 17, 2013 were unanimously approved as distributed.

Nominations Report

Nominations for 2014 officers were opened. Barton Joffrion was nominated for Secretary by Sandy Ostheimer. Second by JoAnn Kirkpatrick. The question was called and Barton Joffrion was elected by acclamation. Sandy Ostheimer was nominated for Vice Chair by JoAnn Kirkpatrick. Second by Diane Theriot. The question was called and Sandy Ostheimer was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation. The nomination for Chair was called. Laura A. Browning was nominated by Sandy Ostheimer. Second by JoAnn Kirkpatrick. The question was called. Laura Browning was elected Chair by acclamation.

The following terms expire on February 23, 2014: Barton Joffrion, Teri Ferguson, Diane Theriot, and Bruce Verdun. Barton Joffrion and Diane Theriot have submitted letters of intent requesting to re-appointed to the Tree Board. Bruce Verdun and Teri Ferguson have submitted letters of intent to not be re-appointed to the Tree Board. There will be two vacancies on the Tree Board and these have been advertised.

Ad hoc Tree Review

The Ad Hoc Tree Review committee reported on the status of the live oak in Mulberry Park as forwarded from David Luke. In the report, members commented on the condition and circumstances of the tree. Motion: No action is to be taken on the Mulberry Park live oak unless there is a clear and present danger to property or

welfare. Second-Corey Messina. Discussion: The committee found no grounds for trimming or modifying the tree... Question was called. Motion was carried by acclamation.

The committee reported on the tree inventory requested at the December meeting. There are five (5) trees on Civic Center Blvd in need of replacement due to either death or disease. Chris Pulaski reported on the plantings at the Hwy 311/90 Interchange. There are at least five (5) trees that must be replaced under the contract. They are scheduled to be replaced in either February or March depending on weather conditions.

Finance –The Finance Report was reviewed and accepted.

Publications Report

Trudy Hebert reported that committee members had begun reviewing the locations of prominent trees in Terrebonne Parish and verifying the location and condition of the trees nominated and under-consideration for inclusion in the publication.

Chair Report

There was no report from the chair.

Old Business

The Arbor Day project was reviewed and assignments checked. Sandy Ostheimer serves as chair of the project. The LaTerre Master Gardeners will assist as volunteers to off-load trees and day of event. Tim Allen, Apache Oil & Gas will be assisting with other employees of Apache on Saturday.

Members were reminded to complete the 2014 Ethics training as soon as possible. Completers to date: Laura Browning and Trudy V. Hebert.

New Business

Under new business, the proposed budget for 2014 was presented and discussed. The proposed budget was designed using the data from the last three years and the goals established by the Tree Board. The proposed budget will be voted on at the February meeting.

The calendar for the 2014 was presented. Sandy Ostheimer offered the attached resolution. Second by JoAnn Kirkpatrick. In discussion, the proposed meetings were reviewed. Question was called. The resolution was passed by acclamation and will be forwarded to Parish Government to verify availability of the conference room.

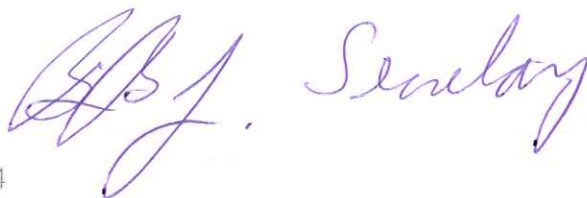
Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm by Laura Browning. The next general meeting will be at 11:30am on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Sixth Floor Conference Room of the TPCG Building.

Minutes submitted by:


Laura Browning, Chair

Attachment: Resolution for Meeting Dates


Secretary