

Terrebonne Parish Tree Board  
TPCG Government Towers 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Main Street, Houma, La

**Minutes of Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

Present were Laura Browning, Sandy Ostheimer, Trudy V Hebert, Barton Joffrion, Linda Brashier, Corey Messina and S. Myers McAllister, Parish Representatives David Luke and Linda Henderson, representing C. Pulaski.

Absent: Diane Theriot, Monica Harris, TP Senior Planner Chris Pulaski.

1. Meeting was called to order by Laura Browning, Chair at 11:30 AM
2. Invocation presented by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair
3. Minutes of April 2016 presented and Motion to approve by Sandy Ostheimer and second by Linda Brashier all in favor, motion passed.
4. Officer Reports of
  - Parish Advisor, present by Linda Henderson. Report on NO Blvd Oak Tree Flooding problem solved when officials found a clogged catch basin and cleaned it out for drainage. Results today with it raining shows the neighborhood and trees are not flooded and water draining fine.
  - Financial Report, Laura reported the Same as last month and a replacement from Sonya Labat to Melissa in the Finance Department.
  - Publications Report, assignments for tree stories -250-500 words. 1-2 stories due at next meeting in June.
  - Chair Report; the need to vote and allocate funds today for projects.
5. Old Business
  - Press Release for Awards is awaiting approval from C. Pulaski, Laura to see it posted on Parish website.
  - 2016 Budget- Laura; Need for future projects. **\$5000**, set aside for brochure, and \$10,000 is committed to the Recreation District project.
6. New Business
  - **Civic Center Blvd** discussion with **Motion** was made to set aside \$15,000 for this project to include tree replacements and watering costs and to obtain 3 bids for the project. Motion by Sandy Ostheimer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey Messina. All in favor, motion passed
  - **Hwy 311 Maintenance &** Pampas Grass plantings **Motion** made to replace 22 plus Pampas grass plantings and within a budget of \$3000 by Corey Messina and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myers McAllister, all in favor, motion passed.
7. David Luke presented comments on a Cypress tree at Coteau Park near the Fire Station around Bayou Garden Blvd. After committee review on the Coteau Park Cypress tree in Recreation District 11, the committee and board declined the request to take the tree down and to report the results to Mr. Sterling Washington. **Motion** made by Sandy Ostheimer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Brashier, all in favor, motion passed.
8. Announcements:
  - Announcement. Future speaker Bruce Verdin
  - Annual Tree School tomorrow at Jefferson Performing Arts center 6400 Airline Drive, Metairie, LA 70003 given by the Friends of Jefferson the Beautiful. 8AM to 4 PM.
9. Motion to adjourn by Diane Theriot 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy Ostheimer all in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting June 21, 2016

Submitted by Trudy V. Hebert, Secretary