

Tree Board Minutes of July 21, 2020 meeting at 1192 Barrow St. (edited)

Officers: Trudy Hebert, chair, Diane Theriot, vice chair, Monica Harris, secretary; Members: Melissa Hutchinson, Barton Joffrion, Mike Niette, Pat Gordon, Jason Serrano; Parish advisors: Linda Henderson, David Luke, and Chris Pulaski

Meeting was called to order at 11:35. Trudy Hebert, Monica Harris, Diane Theriot, Mike Niette and Pat Gordon were present. Barton Joffrion, Jason Serrano, and Mellisa Hutchinson were absent. Chris Pulaski, David Luke and Linda Henderson were present. **Quorum met.**

Motion to accept June minutes as written, was made by Monica Harris and 2nd by Pat Gordon.

Financial report was not received but nothing has been spent since the last report.

Earmarked project updates:

East Tunnel Blvd Phase 1: Quotes for the pork chop planting were received from Cedotal (\$5500) and Ganier ((\$3745). Pat made a motion to accept the Ganier quote and Mike 2nd. The board voted by roll call unanimously to accept the Ganier quote with a stipulation that the planting be done no later than November.

Phase 2. We need to choose traffic-acceptable trees or shrubs for the median. Watering is also a concern. We will ask the Fire Dept. on Plant St to water until established.

Courthouse Oaks—a quote from Bayou Tree Service was received for phase 1 work which included mulch, backfill, install ground cover and pine straw, aeration, fertilization, inject Zeolite to remediate compaction, inspect trees, remove deadwood over 1" and weak limbs, raise foliage to 10 ft. over lawns and 14 ft. over streets. The price for that work was \$61,615. They also recommend lightening protection for an additional \$23,400. A motion was made by Monica and seconded by Diane to reject the quote. By roll-call vote all voted in favor. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Mike to postpone a decision until September to see if David's crew can do the pruning work.

Dularge overpass—We will document the changes in trees and forward the plans to DOTD.

Tree Donation project. Linda and Melissa have looked at plaques to be placed near donated trees or a wall with a tree shaped board with names of donors.

Announcements: There is still one vacancy on the Board. Because we are having a problem filling the 9th place on the board and more members are expected to resign, we have an on-going problem with reaching quorums. Pat made a motion and Diane seconded, requesting that staff prepare a draft of a letter from Trudy Hebert, chairwoman, to Parish Council chairman Steve Trosclair requesting that Council consider reducing the number of members from 9 to 7. By roll call vote all members voted to approve.

The next meeting will be August 18 and the location is to be determined. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Monica to adjourn at 12:15.

Monica Harris, secretary