

**Minutes of Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 11:30a.m**  
**TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room**  
**Main Street Houma LA 70360**



1. **Meeting was called to order** at 11:29 AM by Laura Browning, Chair. Present: Laura Browning, Sandy Ostheimer, Trudy V Hebert, Linda Brashear, Barton Joffrion, Myers McAllister. Terrebonne Parish representatives: Chris Pulaski (Adviser), David Luke (Liaison), and Linda Henderson (Representative). Absent: Monica Harris, Diane Theriot, and Corey Messina.
2. **Invocation was given by** Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair. News of the death of Tree Board pioneer, Sybil Guidry, was announced and a moment of silence observed in her honor. Chair Browning will attend funeral, December 21, 2017 and extend condolences to family on behalf of the Board.
3. **Approval of Minutes** for November 21, 2016. **Motion to accept minutes** by Linda Brashear as presented and second by Myers McAllister. Motion passed.
4. **Reports** of Officers, Projects, and Committees
  - **Chair's Report** Laura Browning reported the Dumas Park proposal as well as her meeting with Council member Arlanda Williams to review Dumas Auditorium planting needs. Laura Browning reported that she, Sandy Ostheimer and Trudy Hebert met with Chad Danos of Duplantis Design Group to related Tree Board's goals for the planning of planting trees to accentuate the front of the building. She also spoke with David Drury, Facilities Manager for TPCG December 9, 2016, also. For the Recreation District 11 for City Park planning, Laura spoke to Joseph W. Furr of Joseph Furr Design for Master plan for City Park planting. Browning was invited to attend the stakeholder meeting but she was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. At the end of the Chair's Report, Browning announced that she will be resigning from the Terrebonne Tree Board effective January 31, 2017.
  - **Financial Report** presented by Laura Browning. At the completion of the report, Browning left the meeting.
  - **Publications Report** presented by Trudy V. Hebert, Completion of 12 webpages for publishing sent to Parish 18 left to go and B/W copy of Booklet to replace the brochure passed around for comments and approval. Additional funding sources will be examined including the Houma-Terrebonne Visitors and Convention Bureau.
  - **Parish Adviser** Chris Pulaski reported on Civic Center Blvd project; Arbor Day proclamation; Tremendous Award at Council meeting and New Orleans Blvd.
5. **Old Business**
  - **Civic Center Blvd Project** Chris Pulaski reported that plantings were completed. He reviewed a phase 2 for extensions and a roundabout. .
  - **Arbor Day** –Master Gardeners are set to show for the Friday and Saturday of the distribution and Press Release was distributed to board members. The Arbor Day Proclamation will be received by the Terrebonne Tree Board at the Wednesday, January 11, 2017 Parish Council Meeting.
  - **The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for Officers for 2017.** The nominees were Myers McAllister as Secretary, Sandy Ostheimer as Vice Chair and Trudy V. Hebert as Chair. **Motion by Linda Brashear to accept the slate of nominees for office.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Barton Joffrion. Motion passed.

## 6. New Business

- **Tree-mendous tree nomination** –Linda Brashear presented the nomination submitted by Terrebonne Garden Club nominee: Danos Corporate Offices at 3878 W Main St, Gray, LA for the preservation of live oaks and plantings of new regionally appropriate trees at their new Gray Headquarters. **Motion to select Danos Oaks as Tree-mendous Tree Awardee for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017** (Jan, Feb, Mar), second by Sandy Ostheimer. Motion passed. Award to be presented at Jan 11' 2017 6pm Council meeting. Need media coverage for delivery of Tree-Mendous Award at Company site.
- **NOLA Blvd-** preservation of the live oaks on New Orleans Blvd, which stood in water for several weeks. Sandy Ostheimer will obtain three price quotes, from Ryan Foret, Bruce Verdin, and John Benton, with guidance from Chris Pulaski, to aerate and mulch the first two blocks of trees. The project will also include crown pruning and removal of dead wood.

## 7. Announcements:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2017. The agenda will include the election of officers.

## 8. Motion to Adjourn.

Submitted by,

Trudy V. Hebert, Secretary