

Terrebonne Parish Tree Board
TPCG Government Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360
Minutes of May 16, 2017



Present: Trudy Hebert, Chair; Sandy Ostheimer, Vice-Chair; Myers McAllister, Secretary; Monica Harris, Treasurer; Linda Henderson, Parish Liaison; Linda Brashier; Diane Theriot; Melissa Hutchinson; David Luke. Quorum met

Absent: Barton Joffrion; Chris Pulaski

- Meeting was called to order by Trudy Hebert, Chair at 11:35 AM.
- **Invocation** led by Monica Harris and Sandy Ostheimer
- **Motion made by Linda Brashier and seconded by Diane Theriot** to adopt the prayer as our prayer for each monthly meeting. The Board will say the prayer together.
- **Motion made by Sandy Ostheimer** to accept the minutes from the April meeting with corrections. The motion was seconded by Monica Harris, and the motion carried without objection.
- **Old Business**
 - Officers and Committee Reports**
 - 1. **Chair's Report -given by Trudy Hebert-** The Tree Tours are online on the TPCG Website. The grant application has been submitted to the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Google Tours app has been tweaked and in working order. Since the last meeting, Hebert gave an interview with the *Houma Courier*. Press Releases sent for Website.
 - 2. **Finance Report:** Hebert reported that the Board has a balance of \$36,953.70. A discussion on funds allocations followed.
 - 3. **Publications Report:** Hebert, Chair reported that the website is live and that a few tweaks are in progress in Google Maps app. Bayou Printing has been notified that their bid was accepted, and the brochure is in progress waiting for grant approval; application was submitted at the May 15 to HACVB. The publication of the booklet is postponed. The slide show is operational online and will be at a kiosk at the Tourist Center soon.
 - 4. **NO Blvd** Linda Henderson reporting for Chris Pulaski that the **Foret** bid for the New Orleans Boulevard project has been submitted to Accounting and work to begin soon, pruning only for the four medians.
 - 5. **Civic Center Screening;** Bids were circulated and **a motion made by Myers McAllister to accept the bid from Cedotal, LLC for the Civic Center screen planting.** Monica Harris seconded the motion, and the **motion carried** with no objections.
 - 6. **Dumas Auditorium;** Hebert reported that the Board is still waiting on the final plans for the Dumas Auditorium project and will reflect the change in plant selections discussed at the April meeting.
 - 7. **Awards Report:** Linda Brashier made **a motion to change the signs for the Tree-mendous Tree Award to read "Tree-mendous Tree Award."** The signs currently read "Tree-mendous Citizen Award." Diane Theriot seconded the motion, and the **motion carried** with no objections. Brashier will get the three quotes necessary to make the changes. The Board was also asked to offer nominations for next quarter's award (July – September). Considerations include the New Orleans Boulevard Project and the area behind Maria Immaculata School.
 - 8. **Memorial for Sybil Guidry;** Sandy Ostheimer volunteered to get the tree to plant in memory of Sybil Guidry, founding Chair of the Board. The tree will be planted in Glen F. Pope Memorial Park.
- **New Business**
 - Hebert, Chair, welcomed new Board member Melissa Hutchinson.
 - A suggestion to hold the June meeting at the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau was made. Hebert will check on the availability.
 - David Luke gave a brief report on the Friends of Jefferson Parish Tree School held in April.

Announcements

- Welcome back to Sandy Ostheimer! The National Garden Club has adopted the slogan "PLANT AMERICA." St. Matthew's Episcopal School has chosen the theme "Tree-mendous Art" as the theme for Just Kids at Art in honor of receiving the Tree-mendous Tree Award.
- Next meeting announced to **be June 20, 2017.**
- **Motion to adjourn** was made by Monica Harris and seconded by Sandy Ostheimer and carried with no objection.

Submitted by
S. Myers McAllister
Secretary