



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

Present: Trudy Hebert, Chair; Sandy Ostheimer, Vice-Chair; Myers McAllister, Secretary; Monica Harris; Melissa Hutchinson; David Luke; Christopher Pulaski, Parish Advisor; Linda Henderson, Parish Liaison **Quorum met**

Absent: Barton Joffrion; Linda Brashier; Diane Theriot

- Meeting was called to order by Trudy Hebert, Chair at 12:00 PM when quorum was met.
- **Invocation** led by Sandy Ostheimer.
- Minutes presented and **Motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting as amended** was made by Myers McAllister and seconded by Sandy Ostheimer. The motion carried without objection.
- **Finance Report: Trudy Hebert** reported that the Board has a carryover balance of **\$14,797.00**, with ongoing working projects. There is a difference of \$2,239.76 in the Finance Statement which reflects an invoice paid for a 2017 expense to Cedotal's. The Parish will not likely be providing **additional** funding for 2018.

Old Business

- **Slate of Officers for 2018** was presented with Trudy Hebert as President, Sandy Ostheimer as Vice-President, and Myers McAllister as Secretary. **Motion carried with no objection.**
- **Arbor Day Tree Give-Away: Sandy Ostheimer** reported that the barricades will be delivered on Thursday, January 25. Sandy Ostheimer, Chris Pulaski, and Myers McAllister will pick up the trees on Friday, January 26. Myers will also pick up the hand-outs and banner and deliver them to the site. Volunteers from the Master Gardeners will be at the library on Friday to arrange the trees and tag them. Volunteers are also needed for the Saturday event which will begin at 9:00 AM. Each household in Terrebonne Parish may take two trees.
- **Tree-mendous Tree Award:** Myers McAllister reported that the award is on the agenda for the January 23 Parish Council Meeting. Prissy Davis and Travis Lavigne are scheduled to accept the award on behalf of Maria Immacolata Catholic Church and School. All Board members are invited to attend.
- **Memorial Project: Sandy Ostheimer** reported that the plans to plant a tree in Glen F. Pope Memorial Park as a tribute to **Sybil Guidry** are moving forward. Sandy will contact Councilwoman **Christa Duplantis** to confirm the future plans of the park to ensure that the tree is planted in a permanent location.
- **Projects: Chris Pulaski** reported that he will work on getting amended plans for the project at the intersection of Grand Calliou Rd. and East Tunnel Blvd.
- **Publications: Trudy Hebert** met with Sondra Corbitt, Deputy Director of the HACVB. The publication project is moving forward.

New Business

- **New Projects for 2018 and beyond:** The Board discussed and prioritized projects for the coming year. 1. Complete the North Campus projects. 2. Begin the Grand Caillou Rd. and East Tunnel Blvd. Intersection Project. 3. Plan and begin the Hwy 90 and Hwy 24 Intersection Project to be completed in two phases. **A motion was made by Sandy Ostheimer and seconded by Myers McAllister to accept the new projects list. Motion carried with no objection.**
- **Meeting Dates for 2018** were presented to the Board. **Motion to accept the meeting dates was made by Monica Harris and seconded by Sandy Ostheimer. Motion carried with no objection.**

Announcements

- Mike Niette will join the TPTB!
- A tree was removed from the St. Matthew's campus. It was necessary to remove the tree.
- Open House for St. Matthew's Episcopal School is Wednesday, January 31, at 8:30 AM.
- Board Members are reminded to update the State Ethics Training.
- Next meeting announced to be February 20, 2018, at 11:30 AM on the 6th floor of Government Towers.
- **Motion to adjourn** was made by Sandy Ostheimer and seconded by Monica Harris. Motion carried with no objection.

Submitted by

S. Myers McAllister, Secretary