

City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Agenda
October 23, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.
Old Library

Expected attendees.

Sam Berkheiser, Tree Committee (TC) member,
Scott Davis, TC Chair and agenda preparer, and
Dennis Winterringer, TC member and preparer of meeting summary.

Action and discussion items:

1. Summary of August 28, 2024, meeting – Approve with or without revisions.
2. Stabilization of Chapman oak at Chestnut Street Cemetery (Davis).
 - Awaiting Florida Forest Service score for the tree, which could qualify it as a Florida champion tree.
 - \$4,200 quote obtained from Paulson’s Tree Service LLC - reduction pruning, a metal shield to deflect water from the rotten trunk, and supportive cabling that would be anchored into the ground.
 - City funding of the work.
 - Either from money obtained by the City Manager Travis Wade in selling City excess property (preferred) or alternatively money from the Reforestation Fund.
 - Mr. Davis to follow up with Mr. Wade.
3. Reforestation Fund (Winterringer).
 - Recently opened separate bank account into which Fund money will be deposited at the end of each month.
 - \$16,490 collected through the end of fiscal year 2022/2023 (September 30, 2023) already deposited into the account.
 - Fund fees collected in fiscal year 2023/2024 (through September 30, 2024) to shortly be deposited in the account.
4. Florida Forest Service (FFS) free trees for TC’s Arbor Day event (Davis).
 - Update by Mr. Davis on his contact with FFS county forester Emily Martin.
 - TC’s discussion regarding preferred trees.
 - Mr. Davis to follow up with Ms. Martin.
5. Permit application to remove patriarch water oak at 76 7th Street (Davis).
 - TC recommendation required by Land Development Code.
6. FFS grant application for Lafayette Park tree planting.

- Request for \$10,000 to plant 34 trees of 12 native species; \$10,000 City match to be drawn from Reforestation Fund.
- No FFS decision yet; supposedly will occur this month.
- If granted, City Planner will request TC to identify three vendors for proposals.
- Will have to hustle to get vendor selected and trees planted this coming winter.

7. Proposed revisions to the tree protection requirements of the Land Development Code (Winterringer).

- Attached document containing the City Manager's proposed revisions and additional revisions TC members agreed on at last meeting.
- After this meeting, send revised draft to Mr. Wade.
- Schedule first of two public workshops to discuss the proposed revisions and to receive comments.

8. Anything else (all).

- Any applications received by City for TC membership?

9. Next meeting.

5:15 p.m., Wednesday, November 20 at the old library.