

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2012

Members Present

Claire Shell
Al Reed
Deborah Davis
Sue Truesdale
Dan Cantey
Cheryl Major

Members Absent: Dan Cantey and Fran Burns

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS INCLUDE:

August 14, 2012

September 4, 2012

The meeting was opened at approximately 1:10 PM with iced tea and cupcakes to commemorate Claire's and Fran's service to the Commission. Tom Couch (Public Works Director) was present to say thanks and job well done on behalf of the Park Division, Public Works Dept. and the City. Everyone dittoed the sentiments and appreciate all of the time and efforts of their service.

Claire asked for approval of the April 2012 minutes as written. A motion was made by Al and seconded by Sue to adopt the minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

- * The new street and park trees continue to be watered on a weekly basis. All are doing well.
- * Liz confirmed that one of the Town Green live oaks will in fact be replaced. She and Dianne Rushing (the construction contractor of AOS) will be going to Shady Grove Nursery's live oak fields in Barnwell on May 11 to pick out a new tree. A letter will be sent to the Ehrenclou family notifying them of the latest development. AOS has also agreed to extend the tree guarantee through the end of April 2013. We are not yet sure when exactly the new installation will take place.
- * The root excavation demonstration on Brevard Place went well. Approximately 12 people viewed the activity and learned about the air spade.
- * Liz presented a program in City Hall Park to a local Girl Scout Troop regarding various aspects of trees.
- * The second draft of plans for the Broad Street design has been submitted to city staff for review. Comments regarding appropriate tree placement were made and passed along to URS.

OLD BUSINESS:

Margot Rochester Landscape Award: We received five (5) nominations this year – Steeplechase Museum, Camden Elementary School, Fox Run Apts., Mullikin Law Firm and Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

Deborah reported that the judges will meet tomorrow (5/9) to choose the winner; Johnny Deal will take photos of the winning site and get a CD to Liz who will get the award poster printed and framed (we decided to go with an 11" by 14" poster so we don't have to get a custom made frame); she also said that Dick Rochester has been contacted and invited to the ceremony; the Chronicle and radio station will be contacted with the award winner and ceremony date. The following members said they'd be able to attend: Deborah, Al and Mary Sue. Liz will contact Dan and remind him of the date as well as Council members and other city staff.

Al made updates to last year's award ceremony agenda and once we know who the winner is, Liz will print copies for this year's ceremony.

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We need to figure out what kind of inexpensive thank you gift to get for the judges. Last year we gave them a framed print of the winning garden.

Nominations for 2012 Appointments:

Based on discussion during the April meeting, two 'new' people were contacted to check their interest in serving on the Commission: Bebe Myers and Parker Gibson. Both are unavailable to serve at this time. Between this and the last meeting three more names were mentioned – Susan White (Claire), Jane & Jim Miller (Deborah) and Kim Cates (Mary Sue). Susan said yes and submitted an application form to City Hall. Jane & Jim are interested but have not yet completed a form. Kim is interested and Mary Sue will bring her an application today to submit by next Tuesday (5/14).

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03PM with a motion made by Sue, seconded by Deborah and unanimously approval by all.

The next meeting will be August 14, 2012. The location and time is to be decided based on the availability of the new appointees.

Respectfully submitted by
Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester