

**CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 2, 2012**

Members Present: Al Reed, Deborah Davis, Kim Cates, Sue Truesdale and Susan White

Members Absent: Jane Miller, Dan Cantey and Cheryl Major

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 7th @ 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting opened at 5:02 p.m. by Deborah(President)asking for approval of the September 2012 minutes. Al(Vice-President) made the motion to approve as written and Sue seconded and all approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:**

- \* The Electric Dept. is on loan to the Urban Forester for the next three months.
- \* The Parks and Streets Depts. are working on sprucing up various areas of town in preparation for community events and festivals. Liz will be pruning trees on Broad Street between Rutledge and Dekalb Street. Al has had requests for trees to be pruned between Rutledge and York Street so building numbers and signs can be seen.
- \* The basketball court at Kirkwood Park is coming along and should be completed by October 19th. The concrete bench has been ordered but will not be received until after the community party. The fencing to go along Tucker Street will be installed in the coming weeks along with extra irrigation heads to help keep the new sod alive.
- \* The Basketball goals and restriping of the lines on the court at City Arena Park will be completed before the end of October.
- \* The mobile restroom trailer completion has been delayed by two weeks and will be ready by October 19th. City staff will pick up the unit the week of October 22nd. Liz has secured a spare tire and rim for the unit. Trailer should be available for Kirkwood Park event.
- \* The Urban Forester met with City Planner, Shawn Putnam and Planning Consultants to review a first draft of the Landscape, Buffer and Tree Protection Ordinance. After making revisions, the second draft will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review and endorsement. Liz is working on compiling a list of shrubs and ground covers to be included in a standards section.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**Christmas Decorations:** Liz is still working on Christmas decorations for downtown. It has been decided that along DeKalb Street there will be street light pole side-mounted soldiers, candles and candy canes with green garland(no lights). Along Broad Street(depending on

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budget) will be lit wreaths(side mounted on street light poles).

**Arbor Day: Revised Date is December 7th for the ceremony to take place at Historic Camden's property on Meeting Street @ 10:00 a.m.**

Liz handed out copies of the application that will be posted on City of Camden website. The application will be used by community groups to request one of the trees we will be giving away for Arbor Day. Members agreed that businesses would be allowed to request trees also. Applications should be returned by November 2nd and members will review applications at our November meeting. Liz will be mailing out applications with a letter to various groups (boy/girl scouts, churches, schools, garden clubs, etc.). Also, City of Camden website will post some information about trees and Arbor Day.

Al said that he would ask the library to participate in Arbor Day by featuring books on trees in showcases and possibly in children classes. Deborah will be contacting Garden Clubs about donating books or food for Arbor Day Celebration and maybe assisting at the park on Dec 7th.

Members agreed to dedicate the tree to past and present members of Parks and Trees Commission, Camden Tree Foundation, and Kershaw County Clean Community Commission. Liz will be mailing invitations to past members of these organizations requesting their presence to be honored. The Camden Tree Foundation has generously agreed to purchase and plant a willow oak tree. The specific site will be the location of Historic Camden's 'former' Camden oak at the corner of Meeting and Church Streets.

White Oak trees are what Liz is trying to obtain for 'give-away' trees. She will update at next meeting. Members agreed on giving out seedlings to attendees of the Arbor Day Celebration.

**Other:**

Liz has asked her crew to cut wood from tree removals to firewood size for the public to take. Any wood left on street after a few days will be taken to Historic Camden.

Per request, Liz checked on tree in Kirkwood Park. Advised Sue that tree seems to be getting too much water and will leave for Christmas season but will try to replace with a Red Cedar next year.

With no further business, a motion by Deborah and seconded by Al, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. was approved.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Cates, Secretary