

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2012

Members Present:

Deborah Davis, Kim Cates, Dan Cantey
Susan White, Al Reed, Cheryl Major, Sue Truesdale

Members Absent:

Jane Miller

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 2nd @ 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened at approximately 5:04 p.m. with a welcome to and introduction of all members. Deborah (as current Vice-President) asked for approval of the May and August 2012 minutes. Dan made the motion to approve as written, Al seconded and all approved.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

- * The Downtown Christmas Decoration Committee (mentioned during the last meeting) met and selected several pole-mounted decoration designs for DeKalb Street. Liz will be presenting the information to City Council for their input and approval.
- * The contract to procure a mobile restroom trailer mentioned last month has been awarded and the unit should be completed by October 5, 2012.
- * The project to build a new basketball court at Kirkwood Park was awarded to Joe Singleton Company out of Sumter. They are schedule to begin construction this week and will be completed before the scheduled community picnic on Saturday, October 27th.
- * Liz still working with City Planner Shawn Putnam and Planning Consultants regarding the tree protection and landscaping ordinance. A draft document should be ready before the end of the month.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Selection of 2012-2013 Officers: Deborah was nominated and approved to be President, Al was nominated and approved to be Vice-President and Kim was nominated and approved to be Secretary.

Arbor Day Planning:

The date of November 16th has been chosen for the celebration. There was a brief discussion as to where the ceremony will take place and the property of Historic Camden was mentioned, specifically, the area near the site of the former 'Camden oak'. Everyone thought this was a good idea and Liz said that she'd need to get it cleared through City Hall and the folks at Historic Camden. Liz had contacted the Camden Tree Foundation prior to the meeting regarding partnership opportunities but had not yet heard back from them. More needs to be discussed and decided at next month's meeting.

Other:

Liz shared the community event calendar which included the 24 hours of LeMons, Fire Fest, United Way Chili Cook-off, Blues Festival, Kirkwood Park Community Party, etc.

Sue asked Liz to check on the health of the Leyland cypress tree planted in Kirkwood Park as it isn't looking good.

With no further business, a motion by Dan and seconded by Sue, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. was approved. **The next meeting will be October 2nd at 5:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester