

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES (FINAL) – October 7, 2014

Members Present: Jane Miller, Al Reed and MJ Rowell

Absent: Mary Sue Truesdale, Susan White, Deborah Davis and Thelma Rutledge

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 6, 2014 @ 9:00AM to bag tree seedlings**  
**NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> @ 11am for the Arbor Day Ceremony**

The meeting was opened at 4:10 p.m. by Liz. The minutes from the September 2014 meeting were reviewed but not approved as a quorum was not present.

**CITY UPDATE:**

*Tree City USA* – Thanks to all who attended the award presentation ceremony on September 23<sup>rd</sup>!

*Tree Removals* – We will finish removing the large willow oak in City Hall Park in the coming weeks. Sox & Freeman Tree Expert Company will be coming to town to help excavate the four above-ground partial trunks and stumps in front of First Palmetto Bank on October 16th. All are welcome to stop by and observe. Sox & Freeman will also be coming into town on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to finish removing two trees at the intersection of Greene and Mill Streets. These are trees that mostly over-hang a residential property that has no access for a bucket truck. Sox & Freeman has specialized equipment to access hard-to-reach places.

*Commerce Alley Improvement Project* – The project improvements continue. Completion time is still slated for late November.

*1001 Broad Street* – The lot is being used as temporary parking so the landscape project has been put on hold until Commerce Alley is completed.

*Kendall Park improvements* – The request for bids for the site preparation have been sent out and the RFB for trail surfacing still needs to be completed.

*Christmas planning* – Staff is in the midst of updating the list of areas to be decorated and inventorying the lights and garland. Dusty Bend will now receive lit wreaths on 10 of the light poles and bows and lit garland on all of the other poles between the RR tracks and Hwy 97. A sidewalk survey of 8 different businesses revealed they all liked the wreaths the best.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Arbor Day Planning* – A slight change in plans has occurred as we will be honoring only one person, Mrs. Geraldine McBryde and not three people. Most items on the to-do list have been complete: the Steeplechase Museum is booked, the cookies and tree seedlings and dedication trees have been ordered, the speakers and agenda are almost complete (still need to confirm the CMA Color Guard), and the draft proclamation has been sent to City Hall for Council to approve this month. Tasks still to do include: sending out invitational flyers to all of the Kirkover Hills neighborhood and others, printing the agendas, bagging up the seedlings, buying refreshments, organizing the tree planting and getting the dedication sign made.

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*Margot Rochester Landscape Award Program* – The group reviewed the updated task list. A few more changes will be made and reviewed with the full group at the December meeting. We still need updated information on the Garden Club Presidents & Kershaw County Master Gardener's as they normally participate as judges. Thelma said that she'll get the information for the Florentine Garden Club, Deborah will get the information for the Camden & King Haigler Garden Clubs and MJ will get the information for the KCMG's.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester