

CITY OF CAMDEN PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES – May 7, 2013

Members Present: Susan White, Jane Miller and Deborah Davis

Members Absent: Al Reed, Dan Cantey, Cheryl Major and Sue Truesdale

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 6th @ 4PM (Training Room downstairs at City Hall)**

The meeting was opened at 4:05 p.m. by Deborah. The minutes from the April 2013 meeting were talked about but since a quorum was not present, the minutes were not adopted.

**CITY UPDATE:**

\* A sidewalk will be installed this fall along a portion of York Street from just behind the Price House to the corner of Market Street. There are several small trees in the way of the sidewalk. Unfortunately, the trees are too big to transplant and there is no way to re-configure the sidewalk. As a result, we will be removing 3 crabapples, 2 ‘Little Gem’ magnolias and a purple-leaf plum.

\* The Camden Garden Club has offered to purchase hanging baskets and brackets for light poles along Broad Street to be hung between DeKalb and Rutledge Streets. A total of 8 baskets will be installed and maintained by city staff. Liz is working with Catherine French, CGC President, on logistics, etc. and will update everyone at the next meeting.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**Leaders Legacy Recognition Program (LLRP):** The benches will be delivered soon and Liz will request the Street Dept. to assemble and place them at the appropriate time and locations.

**Procurement of Park signs:** We reviewed the characteristics to include in the sign design for the Parks. All of the Parks will received a sign; a number of Parks (Boykin, Rectory, Monument, Hampton and Kirkwood Common) will receive two signs due to their size and/or use. Liz is working on writing a request for quotes and will update everyone at the next meeting.

**Broad Street Elm Tree:** Liz checked with the city Zoning Administrator, Johnny Burns regarding the suggestion made at the last meeting to allow the business to paint their name on the side of the building and found it to be an allowable action. She contacted the business owner and informed him that if sight visibility of the business name on the awing is the main concern then this is an option. No response to date from the merchant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A final draft of the public tree ordinance was mentioned and we briefly discussed the suggested changes that Al had provided to Liz. City Manager Mel Pearson would like to get it on Council’s agenda for first reading this summer. Liz will keep everyone updated as the process moves forward.

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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester

APPROVED