

Southport Forestry Committee

Regular Meeting – 11 July 2023, 5:00 PM

Old/Recurring Business:

Review/Approval of June meeting minutes
Ordinance/Permits – (Travis)
“Around the room”

New Business:

- **Live Oak Society: Newsletter and Social Media posts out. (+10 currently)**
- **“Tree Champion” program – Now on Web page. Scouler award at August 10 Aldermen meeting. (August Newsletter article – Marianne?)**
- **Display at Ft. Johnston in July – Completed July 7**
- **Comments around Town: Franklin Park/Garrison pruning. Arborist consultation 9 June. Quotes received, Public Works to get two more bids prior to contract award.**
- **Pulp Road Fire in Green Swamp.**

Regular Business:

Tree Removals: Dead WO on Willis (Wadsworth, pending), Laurel Oak @ 312 W. West (Walker, scheduled July 10). Laurel oak at Episcopal Church finished removal; no replant on site. Laurel Oak @ 611 N. Atlantic; recommend removal. Laurel Oak @ 312 College (Bostic, permit requested – tree originally assessed in Dec 2019, now dead)

Tree Care: Taylor Field trees continue to be monitored, watered. **Remaining live oaks, maples and large Nuttall oaks supported with straps June 23** – will remain throughout hurricane season.

Tree Pruning: NTR

Consultations: Walker, Bostic, 611 N. Atlantic (see above)

Web Page: “Tree Champion” tab now up and available.

Tree Donation – Seedlings (10 each Red Maple and Redbud) ordered from NCFS 5 July. Fall delivery.

- **Funds Donation** – \$750 from Neisler Foundation on Dec 5th
- **Education/Publicity** - Live Oak Society information on Social Media (FB, Instagram) and City Newsletter. SPP has run article almost every week.

Next Regular meeting is Tuesday August 8, 2023 ITMH: 0704