

Southport Forestry Committee

Regular Meeting – 8 August 2023, 5:00 PM

Old/Recurring Business:

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

New Business:

- **Live Oak Society: Newsletter and Social Media posts out. (+17 currently)**
- **“Tree Champion” program – Scouler award at August 10 Aldermen meeting.**
- **Historic Commission meeting July 19 – recommend current landscape/tree rules be applied – i.e. no change for Historic District.**
- **Call with Andy Pleninger (NCFS Urban & Community Forestry) – trying to arrange visit. Wanted to talk about canopy or street inventory survey.**
- **Comments around Town: Franklin Park/Garrison pruning. City contracts Nelson’s Tree due to cost.**
- **“Friends of Franklin”**

Regular Business:

Tree Removals: Dead WO on Willis (Wadsworth, pending), Dead live oak at Howe & 12th (Dr Sheetz storage lot).

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: Grounds crew pruned small LO’s at Yacht Basin (Caswell & Moore)

Consultations: Brewer (109 Live Oak Turn), tree assessment; Shollaert (502 W. Owens), tree assessment; Rudisill (OKI), live oak questions; Brown-Busch (416 Burrington), LO measurement, tree assessment. Wilson (Brunswick St), measure LO; 202 W. West, declining laurel oak (City tree)

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. **Received notification “sold out”**

- **Funds Donation** – NTR
- **Education/Publicity** - Live Oak Society information on Social Media (FB, Instagram) and City Newsletter. SPP has run article almost every week. **Call from Bob Leipa at SPP for article on Garrison Oak. Article in 8/2 Pilot**

Next Regular meeting is Tuesday September 12, 2023 ITMH: 0823