

**City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Summary
February 19, 2019, 3:00 pm
Battery Park Community Center**

1. Attendees:

Holly Brown, Committee member,
Anita Grove, City Commissioner,
Pam Richardson, Committee member,
Robert Seaborn, Committee member, and
Dennis Winterringer, Committee chair person and note taker for this meeting.

2. Draft summary of the Committee's January 15, 2019, meeting (prepared by Ms. Richardson).

The Committee adopted the draft summary without revision.

3. Arbor Day celebration.

On January 26, 2019, the Committee held the annual Arbor Day celebration at the Apalachicola Farmer's Market.

The Committee gave away 108, 1-gallon potted trees (36 each of live oak, magnolia, and bald cypress), which the Florida Forestry Service provided. Property owners were appreciative of these free trees because they will replace a few of the trees that Hurricane Michael destroyed when it struck Apalachicola on October 10, 2018.

City Commissioner Anita Grove introduced Mayor Van W. Johnson, Jr., who gave the Arbor Day speech.

Attendees manning booths were:

- Florida Forestry Service, Ryan Hensel, State forester for Franklin County,
- Florida A&M University Extension Service, Sam Hand and Ed Duke,
- Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Anita Grove,
- Bring Me a Book Franklin, Karen Kessel, and
- Danny Collins, Duke Energy.

4. City Commission adoption of revised Tree Ordinance.

On February 5, the City Commission adopted the revised Tree Ordinance that the Committee had proposed.

Because Apalachicola Bay is a State-designated Area of Critical State Concern, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) reviews land development regulations adopted by

the City of Apalachicola. DEO has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the City's adopted regulations. The effective date of DEO's decision is 21 days after publishing the decision in a State Administrative Register notice.

5. Implementation of revised Tree Ordinance.

The City's tree application needs to be changed to incorporate the revised tree protection requirements. General and tree contractors need to be notified of the changes.

Attached are a revised application and a letter to the contractors that Mr. Winterringer drafted.

These documents need to be finalized now so that they are ready to go when the City receives DEO's approval of the Ordinance.

Other notifications could include one that would be posted on the City's main webpage and a note on the water and sewer bill.

6. Florida Seafood Festival donation.

Hurricane Michael damaged and destroyed several trees in Battery Park where the Florida Seafood Festival is held.

Ms. Grove was contacted by the Board of Directors of the Festival. The Board wants to donate \$150 to the City for the purchase of trees that will be planted at the Park.

Ms. Grove will contact Board President John Solomon to work out the details and determine how the Committee will be involved.

7. Update on Apalachicola Tree City Celebration activities.

Ms. Brown updated the Committee on the activities that will occur April 13 through 27.

8. Next meeting.

March 19, 2019, 3 p.m., regular monthly meeting of the Tree Committee.