

City of Apalachicola Tree Committee  
Meeting Summary  
April 20, 2021, 3PM  
Battery Park Covered Stage

1. Attendees

Pam Richardson, Committee member and notetaker for this meeting

Bob Seaborn, Committee member

Dennis Winterringer, Committee chairperson

(Absent: Anita Grove, City Commissioner; Frederic Kahler, Committee member)

2. Draft Summary of Committee's March 16, 2021 meeting, prepared by Mr. Winterringer adopted without revision.

3. Trimming of trees and shrubs at Lafayette Park planned by Michaelin Watts. She scheduled A&M University Extension Service professors Sam Hand and Ed Duke to meet with volunteers on April 29; Hand and Duke will demonstrate proper pruning techniques. None of us planned to attend, but we did note that there are some mulberry trees and oleanders that the City should remove from the Avenue B entrance to the park. It was mentioned that Ms. Watts wants annuals planted around the gazebo. Adopt-A-Park volunteers would plant and maintain them.

4. Code Enforcement Officer

The City has hired a new code enforcement officer, Joe Richey, who is to start work on Monday, April 26. We have not yet been informed about whether he will process tree permit applications.

5. New business

There was a discussion about Rick Finneran's concerns over the lot adjacent to his at Avenue G and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The new owner of the lot is planning to build a house and he wants to cut back some of the old Live Oak on the property; Rick is worried about damage to the tree. Mr. Winterringer told Mr. Finneran to contact Tammy Owens at EPCI to find out what P&Z told the new owner.

Mr. Seaborn has been faithfully watering the new trees at Battery Park which were donated in January. We agreed that he could switch now to an "as needed" basis. We also checked in about our turns watering the trees we planted at Holy Family and Lafayette Park last month. All are doing well.

Ms. Richardson informed the Committee that she will be absent for the summer and hopes to be back for the September Tree Committee meeting.

The next Tree Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021.