

**City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 29, 2018, 3:00 pm
Battery Park Community Center**

1 Attendees:

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

2. Draft summary for the Committee's May 15, 2018, meeting (prepared by Mr. Winterringer).

Adopted

3. Follow-up to March 15, 2018, meeting.

At the March 24, 2018, Arbor Day celebration, Sam Hand, Florida A&M University Extension Service, talked to the Mayor about the improper pruning of downtown palms by the prison inmate crews. Mr. Hand made himself available to talk to City employees and prison supervisors, but City Administrator Lee Mathes nixed that idea because the crews are stretched to get their work done and need to stay in the field. An alternative is for Mr. Bellew to address the City crew leaders at a future, regularly-scheduled staff meeting.

Holly will set up meeting with Greg Harris, Dennis and herself to discuss pruning guidelines for city crews.

Ms. Mathes would like to delegate to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) the responsibility for trimming palms in the CRA district. Commissioner Grove will address this in an upcoming CRA meeting.

Anita will bring this up at next CRA meeting.

4. Draft, revised Tree Ordinance.

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Winterringer distributed a draft, revised Tree Ordinance for Committee discussion.

The Committee discussed revisions Mr. Winterringer made in response to comments at the Committee's May 15 meeting (definitions (Land Development Code Chapter II) and site plan review regulations (Chapter VII)). Discussion continued on the proposed tree protection requirements (new Chapter XI), sections A through F.

Topics discussed including whether ‘1. Under a declared emergency’ should be listed under B. Preservation of Patriarch Trees. It was decided to drop it.

During discussion of Section C 6 a, Anita offered check with Sam the arborist to see if there’s some regulation or law we can cite regarding whether we need the consultation of an arborist concerning FDOT tree maintenance. Dennis would like to know if we could require FDOT to give at least 5days notice before tree work.

The goal is to have the draft Tree Ordinance ready for a public workshop immediately before the Planning and Zoning Board’s July 9, 2018, meeting.

To meet that deadline, another Committee meeting might have to be held (on June 26?) after the Committee’s regularly-scheduled June 19 meeting.

5. Next meeting.

- a. Scheduled for June 19, 2018, 3 p.m.
- b. Agenda items – continue review of draft Tree Ordinance.