

City of Apalachicola Tree Committee
Meeting Summary
June 18, 2019, 3:00 pm
Battery Park Community Center

1. Attendees:

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

2. Summary of the Committee's May 21, 2019, meeting.

The Committee adopted without revision the draft summary Mr. Seaborn prepared.

3. Florida A&M University (FAMU) Extension Service assistance with live oak in Lafayette Park.

At the Committee's May 21 meeting, Sam Hand, FAMU Extension Service, offered to contact Duke Energy to see if it would pay for stabilizing the large live oak in Lafayette Park that is leaning due the high winds of Hurricane Michael.

On June 7, Mr. Hand contacted Danny Collins, Duke Energy's Government & Community Relations Manager. Mr. Collins has referred the request to the appropriate entity within the company.

4. Tree removal and trimming after a hurricane.

When due to a hurricane the City Commission or Manager declares a state of emergency, a tree permit is still required to remove or trim a significantly-damaged patriarch tree (35 inches or more in diameter) of the following species.

- Bald and pond cypress,
- Eastern and southern redcedar,
- Live oak,
- Longleaf pine,
- Pecan,
- Sabal palm,
- Slash pine,
- Southern magnolia,
- Sycamore, and

- Water oak.

In a declared emergency, a permit is not required to remove or substantially alter any significantly-damaged non-patriarch tree (4 inches or more but less than 35 inches in diameter) of the above species.

To prepare in advance for a possible hurricane this year, Mr. Winterringer drafted a notice that could be posted on the City's website. He'll forward it to the City Manager and Code Enforcement Officer.

5. Apalachicola Times article.

As discussed at the Committee's May meeting, Ms. Richardson drafted an article for the Apalachicola Times informing residents of the revised Tree Ordinance.

She'll send the article to Mr. Winterringer for review and after revision send it to Committee members and Ms. Grove for further input.

6. Next meeting.

July 16, 2019, 3 p.m., regular monthly meeting of the Tree Committee.