



Terrebonne Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 11:30am
Sixth Floor Conference Room, TPCG Tower

Members Present:

- Laura Browning
- Monica Harris
- Barton Joffrion
- Corey Messina
- Trudy Hebert
- Sandy Ostheimer
- Diane Theriot
- Chris Pulaski – TPCG Sr. Planner, Liaison
- David Luke – TPCG Advisor
- Guest – Linda Brashier, President, Terrebonne Garden Club

Absent:

- Roger Dale Shelton

Opening:

Regular meeting of Terrebonne Parish Tree Board called to order by Chair, Laura Browning at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the sixth floor conference room of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Tower.

Minutes:

Motion by Trudy Hebert to accept minutes as corrected, second by Sandy Ostheimer. The motion was passed.

Reports:

Chris gave a report on the Fireman's Skate Park. Ganier's and Cedetol have sent quotes for the landscaping. The quotes were as follows: Ganier's - \$5,220.00 Cedetol's - \$4,325.00. A motion was made by Trudy Hebert and second by Monica Harris to review the quotes. The motion was passed. The original budget for the project was \$10,000.00. Accordingly, both quotes came in under the budgeted amount. After discussion, a motion was offered by Trudy Hebert to recommend Cedetol's for the project as the lowest bid. Second by Sandy Ostheimer. The motion was passed. Cedetol's proposal was awarded the contract for tree-scaping for the Fireman's Skate Park, based on the design established.

Chris discussed the Highway 311 planting – Mark with Ganier's is to replace four (4) live oaks at interchange. Other plantings at the site have been damaged since their planting. Diane Theriot offered the motion to have Ganier's Nursery provide sustaining maintenance on the plantings up to \$5,000 for the Hwy 311 Interchange. Second by Trudy Hebert. The motion was passed.

The plantings at the Marina were discussed and Downtown Manager, Ann Picou, requested the assistance of the Tree Board in replacing some of the trees recently damaged by unknown persons.

Trudy Hebert offered a motion to support the public areas of the Marina by purchasing trees to supplement the existing plantings. Second by Sandy Ostheimer. The motion was passed. Laura Browning requested that an Ad Hoc Committee study the issue and make recommendations to the types of trees. Sandy, Trudy, Barton and Laura agreed to serve on the committee.

Finance Report:

Financial report is attached. Chris Pulaski noted that the next report would show the expenditure of several projects.

Publication report

Trudy Hebert presented information on the price quotes for printing several consumer documents. Motion to table to next meeting, November 18, 2014 by Sandy, second by Diane. The motion was passed.

Guest

Linda Brashier from Terrebonne garden Club spoke. Mrs. Brashier discussed live oak trees at the Jim Bowie Park and data indicates Gold and Blue Stars mothers whose sons were killed in World War II planted the oaks. 21 live oak trees planted and dedicated to those soldiers who died in WWII. Mrs. Brashier would like the Tree Board to support a resolution whereby the Terrebonne Garden Club and Live Oak Society would name the trees in the park. Sandy offered a motion and second by Diane to adopt a resolution to support the Terrebonne Garden Club in their efforts to honor the WWII soldiers from Terrebonne Parish killed in action. The motion passed unanimously. A motion will be prepared for presentation to Terrebonne Garden Club and Terrebonne Parish Council.

Chair Report

Laura Browning presented the Chair's Report.

Old Business

The vacancy created by the resignation of Joan Kirkpatrick needs to be advertised by the Council at the next meeting.

The Ad hoc committee reviewed the citizen request for removal of a cypress tree at Hanson Street. Motion by Diane Theriot to decline approval of the removal of the tree. Second by Monica Harris. The motion was passed. David Luke will notify the property owner.

A question was raised about several small live oak trees on the site of the Fireman's Skate Park. Chris indicated there are some small live oaks out there on the site. Contractor has in his contract the authority to keep trees and re-use them on another project. One tree will remain on site.

New Business:

David Luke brought to the Board's attention a Drake Elm tree at 119 Malibu that needed to be removed because it was blocking the streetlight on the right-of-way. Motion by Corey Messina, second by Diane to remove tree. The motion passed. In other business, it was announced that Arbor Day is January 17, 2015. In announcements about community events, it was reported that the Rougaru Festival. Would be held Saturday, October 25. Additionally, the Southern Master Gardener Conference will be held in Baton Rouge, October 21 – 24th, 2014.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2014.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sandy, second by Diane. Passed.

Submitted by,

Barton Joffrion, Secretary