

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of Windermere Tree Board September 19, 2013

Mission Statement: Augment community awareness of our Urban Forest, provide education regarding the benefits of trees and a commitment to protect, preserve and proliferate our community's Urban Forest.

Call To Order

Chairman Theresa Schretzmann-Myers called the regular public meeting of the Windermere Tree Board to order in the Windermere Community Building, 520 Main Street, Windermere, FL 34786, at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2013.

Welcome-The Chairman welcomed members of the Committee.

Attendance

Tree Board Members present at the meeting were: Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Susan Carter, Janet Sgamma, Jackie Rapport, Joan Foglia who appeared electronically via Skype and Town Liaison Richard Gonzalez.

- **Announcements** – The Chairman announced ISA Florida Chapter is hosting a tree seminar: Health Care for Senior Trees: Mature Tree Care from A-Z, Thursday, September 26, 2013, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156. 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Approval

August minutes were approved and filed electronically to rsmith@town.windermere.fl.us, aclick@town.windermere.fl.us, dburkhalter@town.windermere.fl.us, jhefeli@town.windermere.fl.us

Business

Windermere Tree Ordinance

The Tree Board read thru redline and blackline versions of newly drafted Windermere Tree ordinance to compare and correct typos and changes. Chairman will make changes and edits to both documents and send updated version to Town Manager and Tree Board for review. It was the recommendation of the Tree Board to send the new tree ordinance to Joe Samnik consulting arborist with Expert Tree Consultants to review and comment on the valuations for replacement trees when specimen, heritage and historic trees are removed. Tree Board Chairman will follow-up with that task.

Status 1887 Historic Schoolhouse Site

A status report was given by Town Liaison Richard Gonzalez. Irrigation installation will be started on Zone 1 east side of schoolhouse on September 19. Zone 2 irrigation on the west side of orange groves needs to be completed. Tree Board will coordinate workday for removal of cat's claw vines and air potato along Public Works fence line. Historic orange groves need to be weeded again and fertilized with 6-6-6 organic fertilizer. Public Works needs to remove vines and pick up air potatoes dropped on their side of property fence to keep invasive air potatoes from returning. Trees and camellias will be installed with volunteers and Historic Board when irrigation installation is completed.

2014 Arbor Day Ceremony and Windermere Treebute Arbor Day Festival

Jackie Rapport announced the date for the National Arbor Day Ceremony for Thursday, January 16, 2014 to be coordinated with the Windermere Garden Club due to Friday January 17, 2014 being a school holiday. The Tree Board Chairman announced the Windermere Treebute Arbor Day Festival is planned for January 18, 2014 in conjunction with the Florida Arbor Day. More details and program to follow at next meeting for final approval by Tree Board and pending approval by Town Council.

2014 Windermere Arbor Day Ceremony

The Annual Arbor Day Tree planting and ceremony will take place Thursday, January 16, 2014. Also, the annual Crepe Myrtle Tree pruning and mulching along Main Street will take place January 16, 2014 with Tree Board volunteers and ISA Arborist mentor. The Chairman will approach ISA Master Arborist Eric Engstrom about leading tree board volunteers in the structural pruning for the Main Street Crepe Myrtles

2014 Windermere Treebute Arbor Day Festival Set-Up and Tree Pruning in Town Square and Central Park

Friday, January 17, 2014. Tree Board needs to coordinate high school volunteers for the Friday Treebute Set-up. ISA Florida Chapter Safety Coordinator Adam Jackson from Valleycrest Tree Service will be Arborist and volunteer coordinator for arborists volunteer Tree pruning in Town Square and Central Park.

2014 Windermere Treebute Arbor Day Festival

Saturday, January 18, 2014. Tree adoptions and sales, Geezers in the Treezers Tree Climbing competition, Kids Tree Climb with safety equipment, nature education, Forestry Service Smoky Bear, food vendors, crafts, arts, tree and plant vendors, Ask the Arborist Booth need to be coordinated by Chairman.

2014 Windermere Wine and Dine Event

Saturday, January 25, 2014, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Windermere Town Hall and Terrace. The fundraiser will be spearheaded by Tim’s Wines Market, executed by C.T. Allen and a team of Windermere residents. An array of fine wines, sparkling, white, rose, and reds covering all the major wine regions of the world will be available for tasting. Food and gourmet delectable does will be available from the most sought after eateries in town, including The Ravenous Pig. The Location will be in the center of town under the stars with music, friends, neighbors and laughter. Proceeds will benefit Mustang Education Fund, Historic Preservation Board, Tree Board and Parks and Recreation. Tree Board needs to solicit items for silent auction table.

New Business

Cypress Tree Plantings

It was the recommendation of the Tree Board that six (6) Bald cypress trees be planted along Lake Butler shoreline near boardwalk close to Palmer Park by Jackie Rapport and tree board volunteers where cypress trees were accidentally killed due to spraying of herbicides 4 years ago.

Action Items to Be Completed

1. Tree Board Chairman is to make edits to new Tree Ordinance and distribute for review to Tree Board and Town Manager.
2. New Ordinance to be sent to consulting arborist Joe Samnik with Expert Tree Consultants to review and comment on the valuations for replacement trees when specimen, heritage and historic trees are removed
3. Schedule and complete installation of historic Camellias, Citrus Trees and Florida Native trees as per Town charette for 1887 Historic Schoolhouse plan after irrigation is installed.
4. Organic Citrus Fertilizer 6-6-6 was ordered by Town and needs to be placed around root zones of historic Orange Trees by Tree Board volunteers.

Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for 3rd Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. I hereby certify these are the minutes of the Windermere Tree Board as recorded.

THERESA SCHRETMANN-MYERS

Chairman-Windermere Tree Board

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September 19, 2013

Date