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## Windermere Tree Board April 21, 2022

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. Beautify our Windermere Parks and Recreation Areas.

Tree Board Members: Susan Carter (Chairman), Frank Krens (Recording Sec.), Jacqueline Rapport, Leslie Brabec, Pamela Schrimsher  
Town Liaison: Bill Martini

- 1. Call To Order** - Chairman Susan Carter called a special meeting of the WTB, as an in-person meeting, with a quorum present at 10:03 am on April 21, 2022 in the Community Conference Room/PD Training Room at the new facilities.

Tree Board Members present were: Susan Carter, Leslie Brabec, Pam Schrimsher, and Frank Krens. The quorum requirement was met. Town Council liaison Bill Martini, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, and Public Works Operations Manager, Travis Mathias were present.

- 2. Open Forum / Public Comment** – None

- 3. Minutes** – Frank Krens made a motion to approved the Minutes of the March 25, 2022 special meeting, Pam Schrimsher seconded and they were approved with correction of a typo by a vote of 4/0. Approval of the February minutes was deferred.

- 4. Old Business** –

- a. Tree Tags** – No discussion

- 5. New Business**

- a. Ward Trail Update** – Chairman Susan Carter referred to the April 5, 2022 Town of Windermere Zoom call which provided a Public Workshop covering Phase I Ward Trail Plantings & Landscape. ( <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fORE9WhGMvs> ) Susan noted that, during the workshop, four basic planting concepts (1. All pines, 2. All palms, 3, mix of pines and palms, and 4, mix of magnolias and crepe myrtle) were presented. She noted that public comments favored concepts 3 and 4 and a mix of magnolias and crepe myrtles or other species. Considerations include providing high shade, screening, and lack of irrigation.

**Action:** Susan asked that WTB members review the video as soon as possible and be prepared to provide recommendations well in advance of the 90% review planned for mid-May.

- b. WANE System Update** – Chairman Carter stated that this is an excellent system but not affordable. TC liaison Bill Martini provide a link to the product <https://www.wanetreesystems.com/>
  - c. 500 Block Updated (attachment)** – Chairman Carter provided an extensive package for WTB member to review the plans and make recommendations:

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1. Kimley Horn "Site Plan" (scale drawing, undated) showing locations of 70 existing trees, the planned buildings, water and sewage management systems, and other features.
2. Legacy Arborist Services "Tree Inventory/Assessment" (12-page document, dated February 21, 2022.)

Chairman Susan Carter noted that the arborist report identified 88 trees and focused on assessment of tree value and health, rather than recommendations. Susan stated that the developer wants to meet with the WTB, tentatively on May 19, and get our recommendations.

TC liaison, Bill Martini, noted that a cluster of trees (#49 - #52) at the northeast corner of the property, is particularly worth saving.

There was discussion regarding the height and shape of the planned wall along Oakdale Street and potential to make that area more visually pleasing.

**Action:** WTB members agreed to meet in front of Town Hall at 5:30pm Monday May 2 to walk the 500 block property as a group to prepare our recommendations for presentation to the developer at on May 19. Chairman Carter noted that the developer granted permission for WTB to walk the property.

**Related Discussion Regarding Trees Around the New Town Facilities** – WTB members suggested that preservation of the heritage oaks may require action as they recover from the stress of construction of the new facilities. Public Works Director, Tonya Elliott-Moore said that she may be able to cover that in her budget.

**Action:** Susan Carter made a motion to get an arborist to visit the area and define a nutrition plan for the oaks impacted by the construction. Pam Schrimsher seconded and the motion passed 4/0.

**6. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00am.