

SMITHFIELD CITY TREE COMMITTEE minutes for 11/4/25

Attending: Jack, Jennifer, Mair, Rich, Todd Excused: Carole Holland, Jeff Barnes, Kayo Robertson Guests: Chris Olsen, Haley Lister

1. Review final draft policy changes- Tabled for future meeting.
2. Discussion on Chris Olsen city tree map for General Plan. Chris will be sending ideas to Todd for Council discussion.
3. Other business:

Jack requested that Todd provide our current Tree Committee account balance by next meeting.

Two wonderful tree committee members are departing- Carole Holland and Kayo Robertson. Both will be called upon in the future activities they may have time to help with. Deep appreciation for all they have contributed in many ways!

Jack suggested Haley Lister as a candidate for the committee. She will prepare a brief bio for Todd and council, along with the Mayor, to consider. Jack has another potential candidate, and has invited other committee members to suggest names.

David Thunell with Total Trees Care is the one that taught my arborist class and has a few certifications with the ISA. I think we can naturally expect a better result with him even if we are asking the companies to trim them to a height rather than trimming them aesthetically.

James Hunsaker- City Arborist

- City Manager Justin Lewis answering Jeff's questions:
Hull Exodus Tree Care is owned by Bobby James and Total Tree Care is owned by David Thunell. Total Tree Care is doing Phase 2 of our project. The companies have separate owners and are not associated with each other.
- The tree city sign was installed in the area of 1000 S Main months ago.
- I don't know what code changes were not accepted other than some clerical changes were made. My understanding is that Ordinance which was adopted was the one the Tree Committee approved. I was not aware of any issues. What are the issues?
- The tree trimming for section 1 of 5 is now complete. There were some issues, the city engineer and public works director have worked with those who have issues.
- The city has to go with the low bidder. Section 2 of 5 will start in the spring and is being done by a different tree company. We learned some things which are being corrected and dealt with differently for the remaining Sections.

Here is a link to the current municipal code https://smithfield.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=12.24_CITY_TREES

Could Todd/Justin please provide a printout of hours employees have spent on tree work.

Jeff has been working on inventorying trees in new developments.

Next Meeting: December 2, 2025