

The City of Lake Worth Tree Board
Thursday, March 10th, 2016
City Hall Conference Room

Call to Order 5:51 pm

Members Present: Richard Stowe, Chair Jeannie Fernsworth, Secretary, Susan Mason, Christine Sylvain, Katie Curtis, David McGrew Advisor

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Attendance: Matthew Quigley, Observer Elise LaTorre, Library Board

Agenda, Additions, Deletions, Reordering:

NA

Minutes:

January 25th Special Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next meeting
The minutes of January 5, 2016 and February 11th were reviewed
Susan made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and Katie seconded the motion

The motion passed

Public Participation:

Elise LaTorre stated that she is organizing a Book Festival. The Tree Board expressed support for the event and a discussion of helpful contacts and ideas ensued.

Advisors Report

Australian Pines at the NW ballfields will be removed and Dead Ficus tree at Sunset Ridge Park was removed. Dave expressed concern about the newly installed Gumbo Limbo at The Cultural Plaza because of curling leaves. David asked Susan Mason to take a look at it. There was a discussion of the 17th Ave N natural area. Dave defined it as an Oak Hammock and not a Pine Flatwoods.

New Business:

There was a wrap-up discussion of the 2016 Festival of Trees. The estimated attendance was 1,500 people. The Bike Valet took in about 30 bikes with lots of positive feedback. The Vegan Food Court had great food and was a draw of a new audience for the festival. Alan Chin Lee was a popular speaker and the great attendance was at least in part attributed to the separate flyer promoting his talk.

A date was proposed for next year's festival of Saturday, February 11, 2017.
Susan made the motion to accept the date and Katie seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

There was a discussion about other Tree Board events and ideas included showing a Giant Redwood film at The Screen on the Green event and the upcoming Tree Board sponsored Library talk on April 7th. The speakers will be Lori Albrecht, Kristen Mason and Susan Lerner. The doors open at 6:00 and the talk will begin at 6:30.

The Tree board will facilitate the Earth Day Tree Give A Way which will take place on April 16th, 2016 from 9:00 am to noon.

Old Business:

The discussion of tree ordinances was tabled until the next meeting.

Susan made the motion to adjourn and Katie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Fernsworth
Secretary