



## Agenda Wilmington Tree Commission Regular Meeting

929 N Front St, Room 156.7, Wilmington NC  
9:30 – 11:00 pm, August 21, 2024

### Attendance

Tom Boland, Chair – *Present, in-person*  
Catherine Cardamone – *Excused*  
Matthew Moore – *Present, virtual*  
Alana Seaman – *Present, virtual*  
Rainey Wallace – *Absent*  
Bridget Callahan – *Present, virtual*

Dan Camacho, ACFT – *Present, virtual*  
Sally Thigpen, Ex-Officio – *Present, in-person*  
Aaron Reese, Ex-Officio – **Absent**  
Haley Hopkins, Secretary and Ex-Officio – *Present, in-person*

1. Called to order 9:35; Quorum not present (3/7).
2. Review and approve minutes from June 12, 2024, meeting – no vote, quorum not present
3. Presentation from Sally Pridgen – [Market St Replanting Plan](#)
4. **Heritage Tree and Tree Awards** – Update
  - a. *2 applications complete, need to assess with point comparison to NC Champion Trees (Haley)*
5. Strategic Planning committee updates.
  - i. *Need to update Work Plan for new fiscal year, identify/update strategic planning committee timelines*
  - a) **Tree Ordinance and Enforcement**- SMART GOAL: Educate all groups on how tree ordinance works by end of fiscal year 2023 (Committee members Tom and Dan). – *No update, interested in creating a pamphlet or other material to summarize Tree Ordinance especially for HOA property, private property, and vacant property*
  - b) **Resource Commitment** – SMART GOAL: Provide support to City and other organizations in the implementation of the Urban Forestry Master Plan (UFMP) (Committee members are Tom who is committee chair, Cathey)  
Urban Forest Master Plan – (Sally/Aaron) update on progress of action plans  
*Interested in identifying ways the Tree Commission can help to move actions identified in the UFMP forward, suggesting regular analysis of tree canopy to better keep track of impacts of development*
  - c) **Community Education** – SMART GOAL: Develop an ad hoc committee to identify 3-5 actions/activities to incorp into workplan by end of 2022 (Committee members are Kate, Alana, Andrew and Dan Camacho (Alliance for Cape Fear Trees)) - Native Tree list-(Kate) update. – *Work continues, suggested review of recently updated list from NC State Extension*
6. Dan Camacho - Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
  - a. *Dan has resigned as the Executive Director for the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees*

- b. *Tree Stewards:*
    - i. *Successful tree stewards program watering this summer with 10-12 active waterers*
    - ii. *205 trees staked and mulched*
    - iii. *Upcoming classes: 9/7, 9/14, 10/5, 10/12*
  - c. *Working on fall planting and distribution schedule:*
    - i. *Nov 2 – Tree distribution in Riegelwood, NC with International Paper and the ADF*
    - ii. *Additional Nov. planting with Audi Cape Fear, a tree for every car sold in Sep.-Oct.*
  - d. *Local native seedling initiative – collect native seeds and begin planting seedlings opposed to young trees*
7. **New Business**
- Shared Drive (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11uTwBtYkT7JPWa7PZmqhx6-7RTk2gus6?usp=sharing> )
  - Marketing materials – Potential committee formation, *Cathey and Bridget follow-up*
    - o *Potential for poster/additional fact sheet for education and marketing*
  - Upcoming Events – Fire in the Pines (10/5), Native Plant Fest (9/18-9/21), Tree Fest (1/17-1/18)
  - 3 Commissioner openings
  - Follow-up items: Commissioner Education, Guest speakers, Tree Awards criteria
  - *Halyburton Park Long Leaf Pine Restoration (Sally) – Sally to schedule Andy Fairbanks to present information on this project at the September meeting*

Next Meeting is at 9:30 am, Wednesday, **September 18, 2024**. The meeting will be hybrid, (via zoom or in person at **929 N Front St. Room 154D**)

- a) Adjourn – 10:44