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100 W. Rock St, Suite 246
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Urban Forestry Advisory Board Agenda

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

4:00 PM

Rock St. Meeting Room / Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Members

Resident at Large Rep. - Hannah Ash (Exp: 12/25)
Resident at Large Rep. - James Parrish (Exp: 12/25)
Resident at Large Rep. - Joseph Fox (Exp: 12/26)
Resident at Large Rep. - Kate Shirley (Exp: 12/26)
Resident at Large Rep. - Nathan Walker (Exp: 12/25)
Resident at Large Rep. - Taz Zinck (Exp: 12/26)
Tree Service Rep. - Bethany Douglas (Exp: 12/26)

City Staff

Urban Forester - John Scott
Urban Forester - Willa Thomason

Zoom Information

Webinar ID: 836 3793 8661 Passcode: 113212

Registration Link: https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jL9C9LPfRTC4GziSYVLpJA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of the May 7, 2025 Urban Forestry Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

The minutes are video archived. The committee approved the motions for the previous month's meeting.

Reports and Presentations

Board Member Presentation

June - Carlo

July - Jim

August - Bethany or Katie

September - Hanna or Katie

Spring Activity Report

John Scott

Tree Vacation Presentation

Jenny Burbidge and Sean Johnson with Prism. Ozark Electric. (Information Packet included).

The current criteria to vacate a Tree Preservation Easement is that the applicant must prove that this is in the best interest of the City. "The geographic extent and location of tree preservation easements, once recorded, may only be modified, or abolished with the express approval of the City Council. Applicants requesting such action shall bear the burden of proving to the City Council's satisfaction that such modification or abolition is in the best interest of the City of Fayetteville. Such requests shall be submitted to the urban forester, who shall ask the City Clerk to place it on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting."

Unfinished Business

SOP for Tree Preservation Easement Vacation Request

According to the City Clerk, notification to the public is required 2 hours prior to a meeting. Willa will include the results of our vote in her memo to the City Council.

Code change to require a Tree Preservation Vacation request to come before the board at our next meeting

Proposed by Council Member Moore.

Code Changes for September

- Escrow Limits or Escrow Elimination
- Not hitting the minimum requirement requires a variance to the Planning Commission
- Critical Root Zone
- Clarify what disturbance/Structures are permitted
- HHOD Change
- Significant Tree
- Shrub Screening

The Food Foraging Map is Available

Fayetteville Community Forester

Emerald Ash Borer Plan

The Mulch Sub-Committee

Fall Projects

- Celebration of Trees
- Tree Planting
- Hiking with the Forester- September with Ozark Education Center

New Business

POA Detention Ponds

We need to decide where we want to focus on in the fall.

Neighborhood Plantings

We need to decide where we want our focus to be in the Fall.

Announcements

Bethany Douglas

Adjournment

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

Urban Forestry Advisory Board meetings may be attended in-person or virtually by the public. During the meeting, community members have the opportunity to address the board at a designated time.

Citizens may propose items to be included in the board's agenda. To submit an item for consideration, e-mail the [Urban Forestry Advisory Board team](#) at least one week prior to the meeting.