

**Parks and Parkways Commission
May 1, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Discon and the secretary called roll.

Present: Scott Discon, Lee Frederick, Anne Marie Fargason, and Richard Adamiak

Absent: Nancy Clark, Maggie Gleason and Karin Crosby

Also Present: Catherine Casanova, Landscape Inspector

Adoption of the minutes April 3, 2017

Mr. Adamiak moved to adopt the minutes of April 3, 2017, seconded by Ms. Frederick and was unanimously approved.

1. East and West Causeway Approaches Tree Installation

Ms. Casanova stated that the contract was drawn up and approved for signature. Louisiana Landscape would sign the contract the following day. They will source the trees with City approval. The tree species to be planted would be Savannah Hollies, Vitex, Japanese Magnolia and Crepe Myrtles. There would be a two year maintenance contract. The Cypress trees to be planted near the bridge would be under a separate contract.

Ms. Frederick asked about the space on Monroe Street and Ms. Casanova said there were Crepe Myrtles to be relocated to this location. Ms. Frederick suggested planting Vitex and Japanese Magnolias with the Crepe Myrtle tree.

Once the contract was signed a Notice to Proceed would be issued and Louisiana

Landscape would have seven days to begin the project. The trees would have three stakes for each tree, a tree bag, and 3" of hard wood mulch.

2. Update on Marigny Avenue Fruit trees, signs and design drawing

This item was deferred until the June meeting.

3. Beautification Project along North Causeway

This item was deferred until the June meeting.

4. Rose Garden on the Lakefront

Ms. Casanova said Keep Mandeville Beautiful would be meeting with Edward Deano to finalize the contract. Ms. Casanova had contacted Peggy May so she could attend the meeting. It was noted that the brick was loose again. Ms. Casanova would have the Public Works Department fix the brick when the walkway bricks were picked up for the Bunny Trail.

5. Discussion of Outline for Live Oak Legacy program

Mr. Adamiak said his wife would coordinate the Live Oak tree registration. It was anticipated to be in three phases: the lakefront, the balance of the public property and private property.

Mr. Discon asked if there would be signage for each house or just for the residences where trees were registered. Mr. Adamiak said there would be an effort to register trees 8' or larger in circumference as the minimum for registration. The first objective was to get all of the live oak trees that size registered in the Live Oak Society and named by the owners. The forms were being revised to be called the Mandeville Legacy Live Oak program. Ms. Casanova said the trees on the lakefront and other public trees were measured, but there were no estimates on the number of trees on private property. Mr. Adamiak said homeowners were not always

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welcoming to strangers coming onto their property to measure the trees. Ms. Fargason suggested publicity to inform the homeowners of the registration. Mr. Adamiak said they would be contacting the newspapers for an article. Ms. Frederick suggested providing the newspaper the form and offering the Parks and Parkways Commission's help in measurement. It was discussed to also advertise the program on the water bills, ebriefs and Facebook. The target date was August 1st for Phases 1 and 2.

6. Causeway Sculpture Garden update

Ms. Casanova said Mr. Discon, Mayor Villere, Ms. Scott, Mr. Deano and Ms. Casanova would meet on May 16th with the Art Council prior to an item being placed on the City Council agenda. They would present the vision and the protocol. A ballpark estimate could be provided. This would be a good time for discussion with budget preparation time. Mr. Discon asked about David Waggoner attending the meeting and Ms. Casanova would ask if he had been invited. Mr. Waggoner was a Landscape Architect who had developed landscape components, and the Sculpture Garden should incorporate a water element. Ms. Casanova said the Art Council had worked with Mr. Waggoner in the past.

7. Florida Street Update

Ms. Casanova said Mr. Deano was rewriting the contract because he was concerned about loopholes for the City. Almost all of the planting was located on private property so the City must be protected because it involved Servitudes of Passage. Mr. Discon said he was hopeful this item would be on the second City Council meeting in May.

8. Florida Greenway Discussion

Mr. Discon said the North Boulevard Greenway was along North Boulevard that ran perpendicular to the river through the downtown area. The area was identified with a sign that was 12' x 12' piece of wood natural. The Baton Rouge area stretched for 3-4 miles and a similar sign could make people aware of the Mandeville project. Mr. Adamiak asked about sign locations. Mr. Discon suggested Jackson Avenue to the Highway 190 overpass by K Mart since that was the next area for beautification. Ms. Fargason suggested getting the subdivisions behind the project. Mr. Discon suggested Mr. Adamiak write a resolution for the board to review. Mr. Discon suggested three signs being located at Jackson Avenue, at the Butterfly Garden and close to the Highway 190/22 intersection. Mr. Adamiak suggested the signage at the Florida and Girod Street intersections would be a good size. Mr. Discon suggested using green wood. Mr. Adamiak said the Mandeville signs were faux wood which would last longer.

Staff Update

- Ms. Fargason said Ms. Crosby had noticed that a large orange dumpster was placed by the Fire Department.
- The pavers for the Bunny Trail were being picked up the next day. Mr. Adamiak said he would be available this week to help with the installation.
- Mr. Adamiak asked Ms. Casanova to provide the hammock rules to Ms. Scott. He walked the lakefront area and there was no tree damage. The two hammocks he had seen hanging had the appropriate straps and were located to the east and west of the bayou bridge.

Ms. Casanova said she and Mr. Adamiak had discussed installing posts for the hammocks. Ms. Frederick was concerned about the tree roots, but they could be

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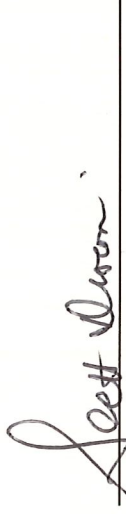
avoided. Ms. Frederick suggested a stand, but if they were portable they might be taken. Mr. Adamiak said signage would accomplish keeping people out of the oak trees. The trees appeared to be robust enough to handle it. People want to be hooked up to the trees and be in the shade.

- Ms. Fargason said there were students walking from Mandeville Junior High School down Carondelet Street to the lakefront that were dropping debris and trash all the way to the lakefront. She volunteered to call the school principal to remind the students not to litter.
- It was requested to place the Short Term Work Program on the June agenda.
- Ms. Frederick asked for an update on the benches. Ms. Casanova said she would check on the construction. Ms. Frederick asked funds from the budget could be used to hire someone to construct the benches. Ms. Casanova said this was listed as a rainy day project. It was suggested that this could be a Boys Scouts or Eagle Scout project, but there was a liability issue.
- There was a broken swing on the lakefront.

Ms. Fargason moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Frederick and was unanimously approved.



Lori Spranley, Secretary



Scott Discon, Chairman
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