

## **Tree Protection Board Minutes**

**Monday, June 6, 2022**

### **Members Present:**

Peter Wallace  
Danny Burbage  
Faye Campbell

### **Staff Present:**

Becca Zimmerman, Planner II  
Bill Salisbury, Arborist  
Pamela Wike, Planner I

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am. Mr. Wallace asked for consideration of the May 9, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Burbage made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented, Mr. Wallace made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business – None**

### **New Business**

#### **1. 103 Elizabeth Street – Removal of one Live Oak tree – Tabled**

#### **2. 420 W. Carolina Avenue – Removal of one Pine tree**

Mr. Kuhlke, the property owner, discussed his concerns with the lean and roots of the tree. Mr. Salisbury described the tree as a healthy 16” tree that has a lean and roots sticking out. Mr. Burbage mentioned the tree could be removed because of cantilever and the dysfunctional root system. Discussion continued. Mr. Burbage made a motion to approve the Pine tree. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **3. 86 Cross Timbers Drive – Removal of one Live Oak tree**

No representative was present. Mr. Salisbury described the tree as healthy and made note of the fact that it is required by the development. Mr. Salisbury mentioned the tree was in a tight spot and recommended trimming, root pruning, and mitigation would be required if the tree is removed. Ms. Zimmerman asked if the tree was on the developments’ property or the property owner’s. Mr. Salisbury confirmed it was on the property owner’s. Mr. Wallace discussed pruning and that there was no current root damage. Mr. Burbage suggested canopy pruning and root pruning. Mr. Burbage made a motion to deny the Live Oak tree. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. 104 King Charles Circle – Removal of one Oak tree**

Mr. Schwitzke, the property owner, made the correction that this was not for removal, just for proposed garage placement. Mr. Salisbury discussed the closeness of the proposed garage to the tree. Mr. Schwitzke said he put up silt fencing with a wood backing. Mr. Salisbury said the silt fencing must have a metal backing. Discussion continued. Ms. Zimmerman stated the proposed garage could not be approved on her end, unless the proposed garage is 27' from the tree. Discussion of the proposed garage placement continued. Mr. Salisbury asked Mr. Schwitzke to get a letter from an Arborist. Mr. Schwitzke mentioned that he has spent \$20,000 on this project, he takes care of his yard, and he previously met with the Engineering Dept., Mayor, and Police regarding a town project in his front yard. Mr. Schwitzke also mentioned he has planted back in his yard and this proposed garage will not affect the root system. Mr. Wallace said he did not see the tree protection installed when they visited and asked what the grade will be from the tree. Mr. Schwitzke discussed the grade and that there will be no footer. Ms. Zimmerman joined the grading discussion. Mr. Burbage said his concern was the amount of soil and he commented that the tree is not in great health, but it might survive. Mr. Burbage asked what the plan was to mitigate potential damage. Discussion continued. Mr. Schwitzke mentioned the proposed garage would be 10' from the tree and Ms. Zimmerman said without the approval of the TPB, she cannot approve the proposed garage being 10' from the tree. Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve construction if Mr. Schwitzke gets a letter from an Arborist. Ms. Wike discussed hiring an Arborist and to make sure they are certified. Mr. Wallace amended previous approval. Mr. Schwitzke asked what exactly needs to be addressed in the Certified Arborist letter. Mr. Burbage explained that the letter must address proper mitigation to protect the tree. Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve construction once the letter from a Certified Arborist was provided showing proper mitigation for the tree to survive. Mr. Burbage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **5. 209 Winter Drive – Removal of one Oak tree**

No representative was present. Mr. Salisbury described the 30" tree as healthy and explained that it is messing up the mobile home skirt. He continued by stating that it was suggested previously that the skirting be cut back, but that was not done. Ms. Campbell mentioned that a mobile home does not have a foundation that would be affected, like a house. Mr. Burbage stated the skirt is for aesthetics. Mr. Burbage made a motion to deny the Oak tree. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. 236 Jasmine Drive – Removal of four Oak trees**

Ms. Todd, the property owner, said a Certified Arborist did an inspection on Saturday. She continued by discussing what the Certified Arborist found; tree #1 (Willow Oak) said to remove, tree #2 can write a letter, but has a knot/hole that will not heal and could eventually become a problem in three to five years. Tree #3 and #4 the Certified Arborist suggested trimming. Ms. Todd mentioned the costs to remove vs. trim with the tree company, Southern Roots. Ms. Todd continued the discussion of cost, insurance companies, and options. Mr. Burbage mentioned tree #1 (Willow Oak) has a possible decayed section, but it could last for a couple years and the other tree could last 5-15 years. Mr. Burbage also mentioned pruning the Live Oak. Mr. Wallace said there was a large limb on tree #1 that can be removed. Discussion continued. Mr. Burbage said

tree #2 may never need to be removed. Mr. Wallace made a motion to deny trees #2, #3, #4 and approve tree #1 and he encouraged pruning of the denied trees. Mr. Burbage seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**104 King Charles Circle – Removal of one Oak tree**

Mr. Schwitzke, the property owner returned to apologize to the Board and staff.

**Other Business**

Mr. Wallace asked staff if the subdivision can be added to the Board’s agendas. Mr. Salisbury said he will put the subdivision on the agendas.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM on a motion by Mr. Burbage and a second by Ms. Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Salisbury

Arborist/Natural Resource Planner

Approved: Mr. Sott, Chair  \_\_\_\_\_ ; or,

Ms. Campbell, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_.