

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

May 12, 2008

Members Present: John Patterson, John Pelosi, John Rich, Earl Creutzburg, Everett Bolton, Jennifer McGehean, Don Daria, Jeff Yokovich, Pete Jordan, Pete Thibodeau (ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Staff: Ann Ayers

CALL TO ORDER

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: John Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes, Don Daria seconded the motion which was approved 10-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Oak dieback on the street tree @ Wingate & South Avenue – Zone 3. Pete Jordan will look at the tree and one other nearby that has been in decline for many years. In his professional opinion, the specified trees need to be removed for public safety reasons. Pete will contact NCDOT to see if they will remove the tree at no cost to the Town of Wake Forest. Removal will involve a crane, traffic control and detour. Staff will contact the Seminary to see if replanting can occur on Seminary property outside of the ROW. Pete Jordan made a motion to have the tree removed as a public safety hazard. John Rich seconded the motion. The motion was approved 10-0.
- B. Cemetery – Zone 1. A dead Oak tree and two dead street trees need to be removed from the cemetery. Staff will place a work order for removal. Replanting will not occur until this fall, depending on the planting conditions. No further action taken.
- C. Stonegate Subdivision Street Trees. Street trees in Stonegate appear to be planted outside of the street tree easement. Pruning was done on some of the trees on Coach Lantern in the newer section. One homeowner blames this pruning for the trees that died in his yard. Staff will coordinate with the developer to remove and replant the trees in the street tree easement. Staff will also coordinate with the developer to resolve the tree location for future maintenance. No further action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Gateway Landscape Plans. The new direction taken by the landscape architect in the US-1 and US-1A Gateway provide a preferred plan with a sign that is believed to be acceptable to the NCDOT. Staff will meet with Kimberly Larsen and Steve (NCDOT Signs) to discuss the placement of a sign with grading to provide for vehicle recovery. There are no overhead power lines between the intersection and the first driveway into the car dealership. No further action was taken.
- B.** Jones Avenue Parking. Follow up information was provided. The Maple tree in the long island will be retained, but the Zelkova next to it is lop sided and will be removed. The Rain trees will both be removed. The Cedars will be retained as will the large Zelkova in the smaller island. The Board asked that canopy trees be planted in the “T” of the intersection on the southwest end of the long island to provide shade that takes into consideration the angle of incidence on the parking lot paving. No further action was taken.
- D.** Community Plan Street Tree section. The upcoming work plan will include identification of the predominate canopy trees in primary corridors. Future tree planting will take into account the Community Plan policies to create linear corridors of matching trees.
- E.** Budget. Funding has been approved thus far for an Urban Forester. Planning will still be involved with the Tree Board. The Urban Forester will primarily handle maintenance, removal and implementation of planting plans. Arbor Day, Grants and planning will be a team effort.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Earl Creutzburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Jordan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Ann Ayers, Planner/Secretary