

AGENDA
Tree Conservation Commission
Business Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 4:45 pm

Topic: Tree Conservation Commission Business Meeting

Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 975 4440 0144 or [this link](#)

Dial In: 301-715-8592, access code, 97544400144#

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97544400144#success>

(Questions: call Kathy Evans, 404-330-6235)

1. **Arborist Division Staffing.** Arborist Plan Reviewer – new position still posted. This will be a fifth plan reviewer.
2. **Urban Forestry Grant.** Continuing to work on revisions to grant and budget narrative, and legislation to accept grant for \$5 million for the *City in a Forest: Protecting Atlanta's Legacy program* which will create the city's first comprehensive Urban Forest Master Plan. Recent work includes meeting with data experts, identifying data needs; researching and meeting with social survey experts to evaluate community engagement methodology; and evaluating best practices for tree inventories in preparation for requesting quotes for r.o.w. tree inventory.
3. **SOP on trail installation.** Taryn Heidel, Sr. Parks Arborist, presented proposal of pilot for Tree Trust Fund Forest site. TCC -- review edits to draft, and vote.
4. **Canopy Analysis.** Received approval this week of contract via Procurement process to authorize Georgia Tech (Center for Spatial Planning Analytics and Visualization) to begin analysis of canopy imagery obtain in October 2023.
5. **Appeal Hearing.** Schedule. Only hearing for January (January 17, 6:30 pm). Confirmed: Greer, Richardson. Tentative: Peterson. Discuss to ensure quorum.
6. **Tree Ordinance update.**
 - N. Hammam reached out to Dr. Elliot, facilitator or Phase 2 updates (12/20/23), requesting a meeting with TCC. Have not yet heard back.
 - Message (1/9/24) from Andrew Walter, City of Atlanta, Planning Dept, Project Manager, requested that we hold the date (1/25/24, 9a-11a) to begin stakeholder meetings and that facilitator will contact TCC prior to meeting. K. Evans to represent Tree Commission, but she will be out of the country until February 12. S. Blam is also unavailable on that date. Need a representative to attend.
 - Will send list of topics of concern for ordinance update to Dr. Elliot and request meeting time this week.
7. **New Business.**
8. **Old Business.**