

AGENDA
Tree Conservation Commission
Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 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. **Minutes.** Review March 19 minutes.
2. **Arborist Division Staffing.** Arborist Plan Reviewer – position for 5th plan reviewer to be filled shortly. Also close to filling position for Field Arborist, previously occupied by Greg Ihle.
3. **Urban Forestry Grant.** Received approval from US Forest Service 4/15, now working to finalize legislation to accept.
4. **Appeal Hearing.** Schedule. Only hearing for April (April 17, 2024, 6:30 pm). Confirm attendance.
5. **Quarterly Reports.** Reporting is being updated with interactive dashboard.
6. **Tree Ordinance update.**
 - Phase 2, Tree Ordinance Update meetings are scheduled every other week (Thursday mornings, 2 hours) through May.
 - *Initial stakeholder meeting (1/19/24).* Set ground rules. Group members should commit to attendance (and designate an alternate who is kept abreast of issues). Heard a presentation on Canopy analyses.
 - *Second stakeholder meeting (2/2/24).* Heard a presentation on Heat Vulnerability in Atlanta. Facilitator presented a list of issues identified stakeholder interviews (Sept-Jan):
 - What trees should we protect/enhance?
 - What trees can be removed?
 - What constitutes appropriate replacement of approved trees?
 - Who pays? How much?
 - How do we equitably distribute the costs and benefits of trees and tree preservation?
 - How do we facilitate development while protecting trees?
 - How do we improve tree canopy in a rapidly developing city?
 - *Third stakeholder meeting. 3/21/24.*
 - Presentation by Michael Kidd, Landscape Architect, outlining issues and challenges of ordinance.
 - Defining issues to address.
 - *Fourth stakeholder meeting. 4/4/24.*
 - Presentation by Elizabeth Williams, Architect, outlining issues and challenges of ordinance.
 - Defining issues to address.
 - Caucus meeting (City staff). 4/15/24.
 - Discussion of inch-for-inch replacement, public tree planting, linear planting, enforcement, DDH.
7. **New Business.**
8. **Old Business.**