

**AGENDA**  
Tree Conservation Commission  
Business Meeting  
Tuesday, August 20, 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#

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

1. **Minutes.** Review March 19 minutes. Business mtgs not held during June and July. N. Hammam and K. Evans attended ordinance working group meetings and conferred with S. Blam who represented the Commission in Phase 1 working group.
2. **Arborist Division Staffing.** The Arborist Division has now filled the vacant positions and has full staffing. David Gennaro is in the 5<sup>th</sup> plan reviewer position. Ford Hester is the new Field Arborist, in the position previously occupied by Greg Ihle.
3. **Tree Conservation Commission Membership.** Julia Skinner has served two years and will leave her position on the Commission. She is interested in helping with projects and open to returning to serve again if her schedule allows.
4. **Urban Forestry Grant.** Legislation to accept the grant was finalized at the beginning of this month and we expect the grant agreement to be finalized imminently. First steps include advertising for new positions to support the grant work, producing the Scope of Work for the Tree Inventory, and creating an Advisory Committee.
5. **Appeal Hearing.** Schedule. We have two hearings this (August 21 and August 28, 2024, 6:30 pm). Confirm attendance.
6. **Quarterly Reports.** Reporting is still be finalized and dashboard will be available soon.
7. **Tree Ordinance update.**
  - Phase 2, Tree Ordinance update meetings took place at least twice a month during the first half of the year, with some committees meeting more often. City Council has requested a draft in fall, to be finalized by the end of the year. The facilitator will provide a summary of the discussions and recommendations of the Working Group.
  - Nabil has requested that the TCC draft a letter to the Office of Zoning outlining the importance of coordinating the tree protection ordinance and the zoning ordinance updates.
8. **New Business.**
  - **Historic Tree Nomination.** Review nomination for Historic Trees 1424-1454 Vaughn Street. (nominated by Daniel Solberg)
  - **Trees Atlanta Education Coordination.** Review upcoming educational events and discuss coordination of events for 2025. (TA Education Staff: Rebecca Gilbert, Elizabeth Beak)
9. **Old Business.**