

AGENDA
Tree Conservation Commission
Business Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 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 August 20, 2024 minutes.
2. **Arborist Division Staffing.** No changes. Full staffing, with newest (5th) plan reviewer, David Gennaro, and Ford Hester, Field Arborist, in the position previously occupied by Greg Ihle.
3. **Tree Conservation Commission Membership.** Referred one new name to the Office of Municipal Clerk and received another inquiry. Shared announcement with Tree Keepers, trained by Trees Atlanta.
4. **Urban Forestry Grant.** Finalized job descriptions for new grant-funded positions (GIS). Finalizing Scope of Work for the Tree Inventory. Will hold kick-off meeting with stakeholders in November.
5. **Appeal Hearing.** Schedule. We have only one hearing this month (September 18, 2024, 6:30 pm). Confirm attendance.
6. **Atlanta's Native Forest 2025** calendar preparation underway. To Be printed by mid-December.
7. **Canopy Analysis.** 2024 quantitative analysis underway. We are in midst of conducting site visits for qualitative analysis, over 100 sites.
8. **Quarterly Reports.** Dashboard not yet finalized. Issues with compatibility of PowerBI. Discuss re-initiating contract to map permits and clean data.
9. **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. Sent summary of Work Sessions and schedule to draft the updates last week. Follow-up meetings with staff are underway. City Council has requested a draft in fall, to be finalized by the end of the year.
 - Nabil and Bruce sent letter from TCC to City Council outlining the importance of coordinating the tree protection ordinance and the zoning ordinance updates.
10. **New Business.**
 - **Literary/Art publication and project** proposed by Planning staff.
11. **Old Business.**