

Tree Conservation Commission Business Meeting Minutes

City of Atlanta
City Hall
Arborist Division, Suite 3800
Conference Room
January 16, 2019

Commissioners present: Sarah Boles, Nabil Hammam, Elizabeth Ward, Lawrence Richardson, Stephanie Stuckey

Guests present: DeLille Anthony

Staff present: Kathy Evans, TCC staff

1. **Review of December minutes.** Approved by all present.
2. **Commission Membership.** Co-chair elections at February Work Session. Member representing council district may rotate off due to scheduling issues. Members would like to designate priority for attorney position on Commission, having found J. Rain's background and experience very helpful. Seek training for parliamentary procedure.
3. **Arborist Division Update.** Advertised position for field arborist open.
4. **ISA.** International Society of Arboriculture headquarters relocated from Champaign, Illinois to Atlanta. (Temporary quarters at present while building is prepared at 270 Peachtree Street). D. Zapanick recently met with members of ISA and GA Arborist Association, shared calendars and posters.
5. **Calendar Distribution.** Most 2019 calendars are distributed. (Theme: Benefits of trees/urban forests with a focus on human health). Many groups requesting extra copies, including COA rec center, City departments, library, info desk City Hall. Held onto some for Arbor Day and GAA. S. Stuckey could use more for Southface. Atlanta's Native Forest calendar 2020 theme: Old Growth Forests and other Special Forests of Atlanta.
6. **Poster.** Consider placing poster on webpage.
7. **Tree Licenses.** Commission would like to look into ways to encourage tree companies to comply with the ordinance and to prevent cases in which less reputable companies neglect to obtain permits, leaving property owners with fines. GAA is looking into licensing; will contact for update on that process. Also check into adding link on "How to find a certified arborist" to website. Discuss questions/options with Legal – such as training and listing those who are trained re: City ordinance, ways to track for non-compliance, etc.
8. **UEF process.** TCC would like schedule of ordinance work.
9. **New Business.** Second appeal hearing scheduled this month – Wednesday, January 23. All present but E. Ward available to attend.
10. **Old Business.** TCC Work Session scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 9a-noon. Submit any additional questions for Law Department representative. (Regularly scheduled hearing only on February 20, no business meeting due to Work Session).