



Nassau County
Amelia Island Tree Commission (NC-AITC)
Agenda
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
5:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes for the August 2, 2023, NC Amelia Island Tree Commission Meeting
4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items
Comments can only be for items under the authority of the NC-AITC. Time limit is three (3) minutes.
5. Public Comment for Agenda Items
Any member of the public can address any item on the agenda now or wait until the matter is addressed. Time limit is three (3) minutes.
6. Tree Ordinance Update.
7. Habitat Types, Tree Spacing, and Planting Presentation
8. Next Steps
9. Adjourn



NASSAU COUNTY - AMELIA ISLAND TREE COMMISSION
5:00 PM, August 2, 2023
James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:04 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT:

Board Member Steve Sherman, Board Member Karen Klima, Board Member Lynda Bell, and Board Member David Jensen

ABSENT:

Board Member Ron Flick

ALSO PRESENT:

Denise May, County Attorney, and Aleina Colón, Deputy Clerk

Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on July 5, 2023.

Motion: Approve minutes from the meeting held on July 5, 2023.

Maker: Board Member Bell

Second: Board Member Klima

Action: Approve

Aye: Board Member Sherman, Board Member Klima, Board Member Bell, and Board Member Jensen.

Absent: Board Member Flick.

Election of Vice-Chair

Motion: Approve to elect Board member Bell as the Vice-chair.

Maker: Board Member Jensen

Second: Board Member Klima

Action: Approve

Aye: Board Member Sherman, Board Member Klima, Board Member Bell, and Board Member Jensen.

Absent: Board Member Flick.

Gabriel Quintas, Planning Department, came forward and introduced the new Planning department director, Ms. Elizabeth Backe.

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Margaret Kirkland came forward and distributed information regarding the fundamental input on tree planting.

Public Comment for Agenda Items: None

Tree Ordinance Revisions

Staff presentation: Mr. Quintas came forward to review the proposed revisions to the tree ordinance. He stated that revisions were made to Section 2, 37.02 Unincorporated Amelia Island tree protection and Section 3, 37.08 Canopy/Scenic Roads. He further explained the majority of the revisions made were for cleaning up inconsistencies, incorrect citations, and clarification of language. Mr. Quintas provided examples of revisions made within the ordinance. He addressed additional language to Sections 2, 37.02 and reviewed the titles changes within Section 3, 37.08.

Discussion on Tree Planting Program

Staff presentation: Joe Pitcherella, Senior Planner/Urban Forester, came forward to provide a PowerPoint presentation regarding the tree planting program. He reviewed the sources of funding, the allocation of funds, goals, and the criteria for site selection. Mr. Pitcherella explained the next steps. Further discussion ensued regarding the process of receiving updates throughout the implementation process.

Public input: Margaret Kirkland came forward to review suggestions provided by Conserve Nassau regarding the current Amelia Island Tree Protection Ordinance.

Next Steps

Staff presentation: Mr. Pitcherella came forward and reviewed the next steps. Discussion ensued regarding the schedule. Mr. Quintas came forward to respond to inquiries regarding tree removal and method behind deciding the number of trees that should be allowed to be removed. Mr. Pitcherella responded to a inquiry regarding the baseline Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.

Public input: Betsie Huben came forward to comment regarding the tree canopies in the unincorporated areas. Early McCall came forward to provide opposition of the revisions made primarily toward the limit of disturbance.

Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Motion: Approve Adjourn
Maker: Board Member Bell
Second: Board Member Klima
Action: Approve
Aye: Board Member Sherman, Board Member Klima, Board Member Bell, and Board Member Jensen.
Absent: Board Member Flick.