

TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TREE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday June 22, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held on the above date at 5:00 p.m. online via Zoom Meeting. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Mary English, Donovan Glassburn, Milton Langley and Nat Robb.

Members of the public present: Steve Herlong

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, Director of Planning/Zoning Administrator and Jessica Gress, Licensing and Permit Technician.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Robb called the meeting to order and stated that the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law and a quorum of Commission Members were present. There were no known members of media present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. English made a motion to approve the April 27, 2020 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:**

3115 Middle Street: Applicant and owners, requested approval to remove four (4) Category 1 trees: live oak 18", codominant live oak 24", pine 19", pine 20" (81" total diameter at breast height) in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162. B. (Application for relocation, or removal and replacement) (TMS# 529-12-00-015)

Mr. Henderson stated the location of the trees front Middle Street, one block east of Station 32. Mr. Henderson stated that this is currently a vacant undeveloped lot and the GIS canopy cove analysis is 75%.

No public comment was made.

Mr. Glassburn suggested that the applicant could mitigate for the two live oaks in the amount of 42 inches and relieve the replanting and financial guarantee for the two pine trees at 39 inches requested to be removed. Mr. Robb, Ms. English and Mr. Langley were in favor of this proposal.

The Commission Members were in favor of the application presented.

Mr. Glassburn made a motion to approve the application with 42 inches of mitigation required for the removal of both live oaks. No replanting or mitigation fees required for the removal of the pine trees. Mr. Robb seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. English recused herself from this application (Exhibit 1).

1414 Middle Street: Applicant and owners, requested approval to remove two (2) Category 1 trees: water oak 21" and water oak 19" (40" total diameter at breast height) in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162. B. (Application for relocation, or removal and replacement). (TMS# 523-07-00-047).

Mr. Henderson stated that both oaks are located near the foundation of the home and both would be within the buildable area for the new single-family home. In October 2016 the Tree Commission reviewed and approved the removal of 23" and 19" pecan trees with 6" of mitigation. Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant is proposing to replant 2 6" inch live oaks and partial payment to the tree fund.

Mr. Robb asked if the applicant requested 6 inches in total or 2 live oaks at 6 inches for mitigation. Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant would be replanting 12 inches in total for mitigation with a \$2,000.00 financial guarantee.

No public comment was made.

The Commission Members were in favor of the application presented.

Mr. Robb made a motion to approve the application with 12 inches of mitigation required and a \$2,000.00 financial guarantee. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Henderson informed the Commission Members that the new Tree Commission Bylaws were reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney and are ready to be signed by the Chair. Mr. Robb stated he would come by Town Hall to sign the new bylaws.

IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: No items for consideration.

V. ADJOURN: Ms. English made a motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



Nathaniel Robb, Chairman

_____ Date

_____ Mary English, Vice-Chairman

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