TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND TREE COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, September 28, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. online via Zoom. 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:

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: Mr. Glassburn made a motion to approve the June 22, 2020 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. English seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. TREE REMOVAL REQUESTS:

2805 Atlantic Avenue: Applicant and owners requested approval to remove one (1) Category 1 live oak at 18" diameter at breast height (DBH) in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Section 21-162. B. Application was for relocation, or removal and replacement.)

Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant requested the removal of one Category 1 live oak at 18 inches in diameter. The home is oriented towards Atlantic Avenue. This property has two separate dwelling units located on the property. The tree is located between 6 to 7 feet from the foundation of the home and has a slight lean away from the structure. Mr. Henderson stated that after doing a quick GIS cover analysis, currently the lot has 58% canopy cover. Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant proposed full mitigation of the 18" in their total proposed replanting plan of 82 inches. The applicant would like to mitigate with the following:

- 6" Magnolia
- 4- 4" evergreens
- 63" evergreens

If the applicant were to pay a full donation into the tree fund, they would pay \$2,070.00 for the 18 inches requested to be removed. Town Staff recommended that the Commission Members grant the removal of the live oak because the tree's root system is in very close proximity to the home's footers and additionally is located within the building footprint of the lot. The Design review Board recently approved several additions to the home which would further impact the location of the live oak.

The Commission Members held a discussion about the amount of canopy that exists on the property. Henderson explained that the existing large mature oaks would be protected and TPZ zones established around each during the construction process. The Commission felt this removal met the removal criteria of the Tree Commission's By-laws and were in favor of the application presented.

Mr. Robb made a motion to grant approval of the removal of the 18-inch live oak with the full mitigation proposed. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

- IV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: No items for consideration.
- V. ADJOURN: Ms. English made a motion to adjourn at 5:11 p.m. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Nathaniel Robb, Chairman Date

Mary English, Vice-Chairman Date