

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held on at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Donovan Glassburn, Derek Wade, and Nathaniel H. Robb Jr.

Members of the public present: No members of the public were present.

Staff members present: Joe Henderson, Deputy Administrator, Charles Drayton, Director of Planning and Zoning, 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. Wade made a motion to approve the April 25, 2022 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

1813 Middle Street: Madison Rice, applicant, requested removal of two Category 1 hackberry trees of 54" (codominant) and 18" in diameter at breast height (DBH). Request is being made in accordance with Zoning Ordinance, Section 21-162 B (Application for tree relocation, or removal and replacement). (PIN #529-09-00-003)

Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant requested the removal of two Category 1 hackberry trees. Mr. Henderson stated that the applicant presented full mitigation and replanting of a live oak, multiple eastern red cedars, and a Japanese maple to be planted on the property in lieu of the removal of the subject hackberry trees. Mr. Henderson stated that Town staff recommended the removal of the trees for several reasons, including the trees proximity to the driveway, age and evident structure problems.

Mr. Henderson stated that Town staff would recommend the removal of the 54-inch hackberry because it is at the end of its life cycle, and it is surrounded by impervious surfaces. Mr. Henderson stated that if this tree were to die it could potentially create a hazard by falling into the driveway or into Middle Street. Mr. Henderson stated that Town staff also recommended the removal of the 18-inch hackberry because it is dead and with removing this tree it will allow for the adjacent live oak to flourish and grow to its fullest potential. Mr. Henderson stated Town staff would recommend the removal of both hackberry trees and suggested requiring a full mitigation in the amount of 72 inches.

An arborist letter was shown to the Commission indicating structural failure is possible however, from staff's inspection the canopy seems to be healthy.

Mr. Rice presented his application to the Commission Members.

Mr. Rice stated that the 18-inch hackberry is not dead yet needs to be removed. Mr. Rice stated that the 54-inch hackberry is alive however it has reached the end of its life cycle and it would be best to remove as well. Mr. Rice stated that removing the 18-inch hackberry, removing this will allow for the adjacent live oak to flourish.

No public comment was made.

Mr. Glassburn made a motion to grant approval of the 18- and 54-inch hackberry trees granted the applicant replant 72 inches.

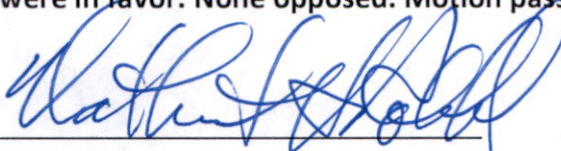
Mr. Wade disagreed with Mr. Glassburn motion and believed that the 54-inch hackberry should remain. Mr. Wade believed that since the 18 inch is dead, this could be removed with mitigation provided. Mr. Wade stated that even though this tree is nearing the end of its life cycle but still alive and beautiful and for that should not be removed.

Mr. Robb and Mr. Glassburn agreed with Mr. Wade

No public comment was made.

Mr. Glassburn amended his motion by granting the approval of the removal of the 18-inch hackberry with full mitigation but the 54-inch hackberry is to remain. Mr. Wade seconded this motion. All were in favor.

IV. ADJOURN: Mr. Wade made a motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Robb seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.



Nathaniel H. Robb Jr., Chairman



Date