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**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND
TREE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Town of Sullivan's Island Tree Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been satisfied. Present were Commission members Mark Miller, Milton Langley, Donivon Glassburn, Madeleine McGee and Derek Wade.

Members of the public present: Gerald Benoit

Members of Council:

Staff members present: Rebecca Fanning, Director of Resilience & Natural Resource Management, Charles Drayton, Director of Planning and Zoning and Christina Oxford, Permit and Planning Assistant

A. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Miller 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 was present. There were no known members of the media present.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM June 22, 2026: Ms. McGee made a motion to grant approval of the June 22, 2026 Tree Commission Meeting Minutes. Mr. Langley seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC INPUT AND CORRESPONDENCE

There was no public input or correspondence.

D. STAFF UPDATES

1. Emergency Removals

The Town received a request to inspect a sugarberry tree located at 2520 Jasper Blvd that was thought to be dead and dropping limbs. Staff confirmed the tree had some new growth, but several limbs had broken leaving only one limb intact and the base of the tree had a lot of rot. There was concern that the remaining limb could drop and damage surrounding property. Permission was authorized for emergency removal.

2. Invasive Species Removal Program

An invasive species removal workday was held over Arbor Day weekend at Battery Thompson. Elaeagnus plants and Chinaberry trees were removed. There was also a litter cleanup day that was held between Battery Thompson and Battery Gadsden. The Town received bids from contractors who removed several species from the area including Chinese Privet, White Mulberry, Bradford Pear and Crape Myrtle trees. This location could be a good spot for replanting in the fall, but the planting would need to be coordinated

with the Battery Gadsden Cultural Center and The Charleston County Library who lease the spaces.

Town Council approved the Fiscal Year 27 Preservation Program with a big investment in doing the work in the Maritime Forest and other projects as well. There are several potential partners for the work, including AmeriCeorps volunteers under the stewardship of the Sustainability Institute. There is a potential funding opportunity from the South Carolina Forestry Commission Invasive Removal Program. The Youth Council would like to do some civic minded work for the Town and so they could be working with the Invasive Removal Program and the Oyster Reef Enhancement Program.

3. Boards & Commissions

Ms. Fanning introduced the new Tree Commission member, Hayley Santos, who will be joining the Tree Commission in September. One vacancy remains for the Tree Commission which will be filled by Town Council before the next meeting.

Mr. Drayton thanked Mr. Miller for his years of service to the Island and for leading the Tree Commission and thanked Ms. McGee for her service.

Ms. Fanning stated that the meeting dates for 2027 will be presented at the next meeting and that a new chair of the Tree Commission will be chosen then.

IV.ADJOURN: Mr. Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m. Mr. Glassburn seconded this motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

 9-28-26

Danivan Glassburn, Chairman

Date

2027 TREE COMMISSION MEETINGS TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND

All meetings held in Council Chambers
Town Hall, 2056 Middle Street

4th Monday of every month 4:00 p.m.
Unless otherwise stated

Applicant Submittal Dates:

December 18, 2026
January 29, 2027
February 26
March 26
April 30
May 28
July 2
July 30
August 27
October 1
October 29
November 26 ^{29TH}

Commission Meeting Dates:

January 25
February 22
March 22
April 26
May 24
June 28
July 26
August 23
September 27
October 25
November 22
December 20 (3rd Monday)

✓ Approved at the SEPT 28TH, 2026 Meeting