

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS TREE BOARD MEETING HELD  
JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M. – HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET**

**I. Call to Order – 3:30PM**

**II. Roll Call**

Pam Taylor – absent  
Steven Aragon – present  
Tom Lamberth – present  
John Spencer – present  
Alexis McAdams – present  
Shannon Atencio – present  
Paul Stagner – present  
Nancy Lieppe – present  
Gerald Romero – present  
John D. Martinez – present  
Arcenio Lujan- present

**III. Approval of agenda**

Shannon Atencio made a motion to approve agenda. John Martinez seconds. All in favor motion passed.

**IV. Approval of minutes**

Shannon Atencio made a motion to approve minutes. John Martinez seconds. All in favor, motion passed.

**V. Public input**

No public input.

**VI. Committee Members Report**

None

**VII. Discussion items**

**Unfinished Business**

**a. Bylaws**

- John Spencer states it is required to wait to sign the bylaws until in-person meetings.

**b. Removal of Tree of Heaven on the Plaza**

- This has been completed to include removing another tree in the median near the Police Department.

**c. Removal on Friedman**

- John Spencer asks Director Stephen Aragon if he has an update on this tree removal. Director Aragon states he is unaware of this removal due to this being a different department's area. The tree is still standing per Shannon Atencio. John Spencer will contact Public Works.

**d. List of critical trees to City Manager**

- Vice Chair Gerald Romero states that the tree on Friedman was identified on the critical safety list that was email on December 30, 2021 to City Manager Leo Maestas. The list did consist of trees along the river walk as well. The Tree Board will inquire with Streets Department if they are aware of these trees.

**e. City Council presentation**

- It is suggested to wait until April when we know the new council.

**f. Report on submission of Tree City recertification Application**

- Shannon Atencio and John Spencer met with the Urban Forestry coordinator and hand delivered the tree city recertification application, John Spencer gave the number of trees pruned, removed or planted. We are awaiting certification.

**g. Invitation to Michael Paranteau for downtown development plan**

- The Board thinks we should invite even though this is a virtual meeting. Mr. Paranteau has reassured he has no plans to take trees down. John Spencer will invite Mr. Paranteau to the next meeting.

**h. Invitation to Dr. Sloan of NMU forestry to attend Tree Board meeting**

- Paul Stagner has been in touch with Dr. Sloan of the NMHU forestry department and has invited him to attend a Tree Board meeting. John Spencer will renew the invitation.

**-New Business**

**a. Election of Officers**

- John Spencer mentions the bylaws state the board is required to have a Chair and Vice Chair. Nancy Lieppe is not interested in holding the title as secretary. John Spencer is nominated for Chair, all in favor for John Spencer as Chair for the Tree Board. Gerald Romero is nominated for Vice Chair, all in favor for Gerald Romero for Vice Chair of the Tree Board.

**b. Report on commitment to community forest in upcoming budget**

-John Spencer had a conversation with City Manager Leo Meastas about an established budget for forest issues. This budgeted line item number is 101-5400-700-7305 which consists of an amount of \$15,000.00.

- c. Update from Shannon Atencio on City Urban Forestry grant application**
  - The City submitted an Urban and Community Forestry grant application for hazardous tree removal. Shannon Atencio mentions once these are reviewed we will be updated if they're approved. Shannon Atencio mentions that we asked for the max amount (\$10-\$15,000) and it focuses on street trees as a priority.
  
- d. Tree Removal at Lincoln Park**
  - The tree on the south west corner is not in great condition, it is also in the way for new playground equipment. Director Aragon received approval of removal.
  
- e. Tree Removal at Carnegie Park**
  - Dead Siberian Elm on west side of Carnegie library that needs removal.

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

John Spencer asks that any communication with the city involving Tree Board activities be copied to him and to all Tree Board members.

Paul Stagner makes a motion to adjourn meeting and Tom Lamberth seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM

Next meeting will be February 22, 2022 at 3:30PM

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Chair, John Spencer