

Oriental Tree Board Meeting  
March 3, 2009

The Oriental Tree Board met on March 3, 2009 at 9:00 am at the Oriental Town Hall. Present were board members: Andrews, Miller, King, Leavitt, Kaplan and Beal.

Chairman Andrews opened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Andrews read the February 3 minutes. The minutes were approved with two corrections.

TREE BOARD MEMBERS - Mr. King reported that he has approached Mr. Ken Mason as a possible member to the Tree Board.

OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE - Mr. Miller reported that the revised Overlay District Ordinance has been sent to the Board of Commissioners with a request to schedule a public hearing for it in April. He also stated that he read an article that said in general, the public likes to shop at stores that are **well landscaped** and maintained.

PLANTING LOCATIONS - The Board reviewed the list of Planting Sites.

MOTION: Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the planting list.  
Second by Mr. King. Vote 6-0.

They discussed the plantings around the water plant and concerns about salt in the soil that killed some trees. One tree needs to be removed and eventually the pine trees will need to go.

Another location has an electric dog fence to contend with; a metal detector will be used to locate the line.

Ms. Leavitt stated that trees could be planted in the right-of-way in the new neighborhood called Camp Creek. She requested a magnolia tree be planted to replace one that was cut down. Willow oaks were also considered.

Mr. Russ Stewart, owner of the building The Bean is in on Hodges Street, asked if a tree could be planted next to The Bean to help provide shade. As the building sits right on a marsh and has very little room in which to plant a tree, the only recommendation was to try crepe myrtles.

The Board has been keeping an eye on the large willow oak that sits next to the sidewalk at Lou Mac Park. The tree is badly damaged on the north side of the tree and needs to be monitored.

TOWN HALL RAIN GARDEN – Work on the rain garden has begun. Mrs. Beal will review the list of plantings that can be put in the rain garden. Mr. Miller requested that a plaque be made to put beside the garden that will explain what the garden is and how to get more information.

ON-GOING MAINTENANCE – On Tuesday, March 10 the Board will do more pruning. On Friday, March 13 at 9:00am Mr. King and Mr. Miller will meet to plant a tree on High Street (this is the property with the invisible dog fence)

ARBOR DAY – The Board discussed Arbor Day, April 25. Preceding the ceremony a Pruning Workshop will be held at 9:30 am at the Recreational Park. The Arbor Day ceremony will begin at 11:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – At the suggestion of Ms. Wagoner, town hall staff, an ordinance will be written to merge the Tree Board’s bylaws into Chapter M of the General Ordinances. The Board will consider amending the bylaws to allow alternates to serve in the place of absent regular board members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

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Robert Andrews, Chairman

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Lori Wagoner, Recording Secretary