

Homewood Environmental Commission Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm

Homewood Community Center, Conference, 1st Floor

1832 Oxmoor Road * Homewood, AL 35209

Roll Call

Kristin Trowbridge-Alford (Chair, At-Large)

Wes Mitchell (At-Large)

Ryan Dye (Vice Chair, Ward 1)

Leigh Spencer (Social Media, At-Large)

Scott Rezek (Treasurer, Ward 3)

Jason Booi (Ward 2)

Anita Morgan (Secretary, Ward 5)

Derek Marshall (Ward 4)

Mary Liz Ingram (Recycling/Website, At-Large)

Andrew Wolverton (Council Liaison)

Guests:

Standing Announcements and Procedures

- Approval of September Meeting Minutes
- Council Liaison Report-Andrew Wolverton
- Budget Updates-Scott via Kristin

Recap Events

- **Love Your Trees Day**
 - Recap meeting took place @ Kristin's and notes recorded
 - Next Date set for Sat, Oct 29, likely at the Lee Center again
 - Read survey responses
 - Follow up work: Ryan planted tree at Community Center, posting photos on social media, thank you notes written, Do we need to ask participants if we can take a photo of their tree
- **Green Skies**
 - Record feedback in Drive

Guests and Citizen Concerns

Brainstorming Session!!!

What have we learned in 2022?

What do we want to accomplish in 2023?

DREAM BIG!!

Reports from Subcommittees

- Events & Programs (Kristin, Leigh & Jason)
 - Arbor Day Foundation programs, urban forestry grant
- Tree Ordinance & Tree City (Ryan, Wes & Callan)
 - Update from Wes on info cards & conversations with Wyatt and Cale
 - Updates from Andrew and Bram on revisions to Ordinance/status & Committee
 - Tree City application status-when will Mayor make proclamation for 2022?
- Waste Management (Mary Liz, Anita & Kristin)
 - Working with Berkley @ Public Works on Leaf Collection strategies
 - Promoting composting and compostable paper yard waste bags this year
 - Municipal pilot program with Leaf Culture Compost in the works
- Website/Social Media/Swag (Leigh, Mary Liz)
 - Set a date for website updates/revisions
 - Print some of the info from website for new homeowners to create a Welcome Folder?
- Donation Requests (Scott, Derek)-
- Infrastructure (Wes, Callan, Derek)

New Business

- Leigh to present ideas for Raleigh oak pieces
- Kristin would like to collaborate to create formal recommendations regarding the following citizen concerns/community issues:
 - HHS Parking Lot expansion
 - Tree Ordinance revisions/status
- Per Berkley's request & Ordinance: create a concise tree-management plan to recommend to the Council and Mayor
- Saulter pocket park
- Partnering with Alabama Power for better use of utility right of ways

Future Events & Deadlines

- Tree City Application process
- Salamander Festival-January
- Earth Day-April 22, 2023
- Arbor Day-April 28, 2023
- Urban Forestry grant-April deadline
- Love Our Trees! Saturday, Oct 28, 2023 from 9am-11am at the Lee Community Center

Review of Action Items

Next Meeting: December meeting canceled. Next meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023** at 6:30pm