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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Tree Advisory Board
August 19, 2014
08:30 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

The following members of the governing body were present:

Board Members:	Patricia Cowan, Larry Miller, Kelly D'Onofrio, Jan Brown, Alan Rosenberg, Jorge Aponte, and Dr Shamir Ally.
Absent:	Cathi Higgins, Steve Long, Sidney Sandy, and Bill Smith-UC Urban Forrester.
Staff Members:	Shelley DeHart- Planning Director, Rox Burhans-Assistant Planning Director, Pam Good- Board Secretary, and Lindze Flowers, GIS Tech/Planner 1.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

New members Jorge Aponte and Dr. Shamir Ally were sworn in as alternate board members #1 and 2 respectively. Steve Long was absent and will be sworn in as a regular member at a later date.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Jan Brown made the motion to approve Patricia Cowan as Chair. Seconded by Alan Rosenberg.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

Jan Brown made the motion to approve Alan Rosenberg as Vice Chair. Seconded by Patricia Cowan.
The vote to approve was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JULY 15, 2014

Kelly D'Onofrio made a motion to approve MINUTES- JULY 15, 2014, motion seconded by Alan Rosenberg.
Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Staff Burhans gave a brief overview of various resources handouts in the packets at the meeting(see attached).
-Buying High Quality Trees
-Tree Service Providers for Union County, NC
-Pruning Young Trees

Mr. Burhans explained the Granicus program to be able to listen to the audio of meetings that is posted on our website.

Member Alan Rosenberg asked about the list of approved trees in Indian Trail that are allowed to be used in new development; what we don't have is guidelines for certain types of trees for certain areas. He spoke about it coming to his attention in Phase 3 of the Bonterra area and the developer was going to put in large maturing trees where there wasn't enough room for growth to mature without affecting the curb and sidewalks. Member Rosenberg asked that Staff and Tree Board members create guidelines to give a developer for planning strips.

Director DeHart replied that Staff would research and bring back some proposal, go through an education process, then put together a zoning text amendment to recommend to the Planning Board, then to the Town Council.

Member Rosenberg stated responsibility for tax dollars where money would have to be spent to correct those issues as well as the potential for safety issues with roots that aren't sufficiently developed to support the tree, which would require the tree to be cut down.

ADJOURN

Alan Rosenberg made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded by Dr Ally.

Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Chairman: Patricia S. Comer

Secretary: Pamela L Boone