

## **Berkley Tree Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, January 27, 2025

**Time:** 7:06 PM – 8:22 PM

### **Attendance**

**Present:** T. Losey, S. Bard, Adam Wozniak, G. Elrod, L. Fritsch, F. Foen, E. Fogle

**Absent:** D. Hennen, B. Lathrop

**Additional Visitors:** None

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

November 25, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### **2. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and approved as proposed.

#### **4. Holiday Parade Review**

The Board discussed participation in the 2024 Holiday Parade and agreed to participate in 2025 with additional lead time for preparation. Look into banners/signage for the Tree Board (and Beautification committee if we do a joint float again).

#### **5. UCF IRA Grant Update**

The DNR application opened the prior week, and the deadline was extended to March 14, 2025.

Fai Foen will reach out to school district representatives to obtain letters of support.

#### **6. DPW Update**

Adam Wozniak confirmed that the school district must provide support for the UCF IRA Grant before it can be presented to City Council.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. May Meeting Rescheduling**

Due to a conflict with Memorial Day (May 26, 2025), the meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

### **b. Term Renewals**

Ethan Fogle is the only member up for renewal and confirmed he will reapply.

## **8. Review of 2024 Accomplishments**

- . Updated the tree ordinance.
- . Planted two trees at Bacon Park for Arbor Day.
- . Supported the Historical Museum's Arbor Day display celebrating the Tree Board's legacy.
- . Recognized for 34 years as a Tree City and received a Growth Award.
- . Planted 104 trees in fall 2024 (no spring plantings).
- . Raised \$590 through participation in Berkley Days.
- . Continued engagement through the Tree Board Facebook page.
- . Hosted a community session at Berkley Library featuring "Where the Sidewalk Ends."
- . Received a \$4,000 DTE Tree Grant for 25-30 trees.
- . Collaborated with the DDA on revised tree planting guidelines.

## **9. Draft Goals for 2025**

- . Complete the UCF IRA grant application.
- . Organize Arbor Day events, including possible book display and Arbor Day display.
- . Utilize Berkley Days funds for participation in city events.
- . Expand community outreach via Facebook and City Pages.
- . Commit to at least four city programs focused on tree engagement.
- . Develop a waitlist for tree plantings through outreach and education.

## **10. City Council Update**

Dennis Hennen was absent due to a conflict with a concurrent Council Meeting.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, February 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM.