

Minutes of the Regular Public Meeting **Of the Windermere Tree Board** **December 6, 2010**

Mission Statement: Increase community awareness of our Urban Forest, provide education regarding the benefits of trees and a commitment to protect, preserve and proliferate our community's Urban Forest.

Call To Order

Chairman Theresa Schretzmann-Myers called the regular public meeting of the Windermere Tree Board to order in the Windermere Community Room, 118 W. Fifth Avenue, Windermere, FL 34786, at 7:15 p.m. on December 6, 2010.

Welcome-The Chairman welcomed guests, Danae L. Jackson, Adam J. Jackson, Scotty Olson and Gareth Coggan from Tree Climbing Concepts Training Team, Inc. (a non-profit) and ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Florida Chapter.

Announcements-On behalf of Windermere Tree Board, Theresa Schretzmann-Myers thanked Kevin and Cher Dowling for stepping up and personally making the donation of trees to Bill Criswell's Habitat for Humanity "Home at Last" project

Attendance

Tree Board Members present at the meeting were: Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Jim O'Brien, Kevin Dowling, Joan Foglia and Richard Gonzalez with Burns Hovey present as Town Council liaison.

Minutes Approval

November minutes were approved pending corrections and were filed electronically to cbernier@town.windermere.fl.us, aclick@town.windermere.fl.us, awallenhurst@town.windermere.fl.us, dburkhalter@town.windermere.fl.us.

Long Range Goals

The Tree Board continues work on plans and recommendations for multiple income streams, sustainable fundraising and sustainable tree planting partnerships so Tree Board is not solely dependent on Town Funds for matching grant funds for U.S. Government, Division of Forestry Grants and Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Forestry Grants.

Business

"Wine Tasting for the Trees", Fundraiser - Tim's Wine, 428 Main Street, Windermere, FL; Craig Lopus Proprietor, Phone: 407- 876-9463. Date: Friday, November 19. Treasurer Joan Foglia reported that our profit for the Wine Tasting for the Trees was \$624.57. Chairman thanked Joan Foglia for co-chairing this event and donating food, and Jim O'Brien and Kevin Dowling for pre-saleing tickets and food donations. Turn-out was good for this first time event. Tree Board Treasurer Joan Foglia recommended that we do another Wine Tasting fundraiser in the Spring.

Status ARRA Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant-Park Avenue Tree Planting RFP

Grant worth \$18,780. Committee work on RFP completed by O'Brien, Joan Foglia and Theresa Schretzmann-Myers finalized RFP on ARRA Forest Health Improvement Initiative Grant, Thursday, October 14, 2010. Scope of Work completed by Tree Board for inclusion in RFP. RFP was approved at November Town Council Meeting. RFP was advertised by Town of Windermere in Orlando Sentinel on 11/28/2010. Deadline for bids due December 30, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

Windermere Arbor Day and Treebute, January 20-23, 2011.

See Attached Proposal and Budget for Windermere Town Council for approval. Checks from sponsors turned into Treasurer Foglia Joan Foglia for deposit to Town Office. Vendor letters and vendor contracts updated and sent out.

Map for event attached. Denae Jackson is working on Certificate of Insurance coverage. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers has talked with the band Midlife Crisis and they are willing to provide music for the Treebute for same price as last year. Butler Boys Band are also willing to provide the music for the Treebute this year.

Cycle for the Trees-March 19, 2011. See attached Proposal and Budget for Windermere Town Council approved at November meeting.

Old Business

Bill Criswill and Request for Trees for Habitat for Humanity's "Home at Last"

Bill Criswill requested four trees for the newest home being built for a veteran and his family in the "Home at Last" project. Tree Board recommended providing four Florida Native trees to the worthy non-profit and volunteered to help plant them. Tree Board member Kevin Dowling and wife Cher Dowling generously volunteered to donate the cost of those four trees. Bill Criswill will follow-up with Tree Board for planting dates on the trees.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting

Next regular meeting date is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2010 7:15 p.m., Community Room. at 118 W. 5th Avenue, Windermere, FL 34786

Old Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. I hereby certify these are the minutes of the Windermere Tree Board as recorded.

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Chairman
Windermere Tree Board

December 6, 2010

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