

# VERO BEACH TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, Vero Beach, Florida

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Marilyn Black Dussault; Vice Chairman, Fran Robinson and member Katherine Booth **Also Present:** Assistant City Attorney, Jenny Flanigan; Grounds Maintenance Manager, Nanette Haynes; and Senior Administrative Assistant, Rita Chartier

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dussault called today's meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and the Senior Administrative Assistant performed the roll call.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Rebecca Siplak, City resident, explained that she is an applicant to the Tree and Beautification Commission and she has lived here for seven (7) years. She stated that she has been working in the Agricultural and Horticultural fields for over 25 years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Horticultural Science from Oregon State University. She has lived in various cities in Florida for 11 years and she is interested in becoming more active in the community. She has worked at McKee Botanical Garden since she moved here and she owns her own landscaping business. She and her husband own an older home in Vero Beach and they both care about the community. They want to see it developed in line with their beliefs and they are interested in preserving the natural beauty of the area. She said she is concerned about the number of trees that are being removed in communities and how developers are allowed to remove all the trees from a property that is being developed. She would also like to see the downtown area look more presentable, but she is encouraged by seeing the number of native plants being utilized there and around the City buildings. She thinks that her knowledge and experience of taking care of plants would be useful and that she would serve well on this Committee.

Mrs. Dussault thanked her for sharing her information.

## 3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### A) Dedicatory Tree Application from Mr. Adam Davis

Mrs. Dussault said they received a dedicatory tree application for Mr. Roy Lambert, which was submitted by Mr. Adam Davis. She said it is signed by the applicant and the Public Works Director. She asked if there were any issues with the request.

Ms. Nanette Haynes, Grounds Maintenance Manager, replied no.

**Mrs. Dussault made a motion to accept the dedicatory tree application from Mr. Adam Davis for a tree in Riverside Park. Mrs. Booth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

### B) Dedicatory Tree Application from Mrs. Ashley Callahan

Mrs. Dussault stated that they also received an application for a dedicatory tree from Mrs. Ashley Callahan for Mr. Jon E. Goff. It has also been approved by the Public Works Department. She said the request is very specific, but she assumes there is no problem with it.

Ms. Haynes replied that there is no problem, because it is an existing tree.

**Mrs. Robinson made a motion to accept the dedicatory tree application from Mrs. Callahan for a tree in Troy Moody Park. Mrs. Booth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Today's meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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