

## **Parks and Parkways Commission**

**June 9, 2025**

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Commissioner Shawn Potter called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

The secretary called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Will Afton, Brien Croff, Shawn Potter, and Patricia Zebrick

Absent: Lee Frederick, Christy Kervin (absent at roll call, present at 6:06 pm)

Staff Present: Rad Dickson, Planner; Tina Myers, Secretary

### **Minutes**

Mr. Afton made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 5 meeting, Ms. Zebrick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Guest Speaker: Christopher Cooper, Louisiana Community Forests**

Mr. Cooper explains what his organization and the different projects they are been a part of. Pulled from the LCF website "LCF was created to cultivate and promote stewardship of community forests and green infrastructure throughout Louisiana. Through this program, Baton Rouge Green cooperates directly with the U.S. Forest Service and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to communicate the benefits of community forests, as well as provide technical and financial assistance for local partners in their stewardship efforts."

\*Christy Kervin arrived at this point\*

Types of events and the best way to communicate requests for assistance were discussed.

Buck Abbey 1109 Villere: Asked about the status for the funds LCF received.

Mr. Cooper explained how that money was received and the impacts on the communities that received the money.

#### **Recap from Shawn Potter and Will Afton on the Mandeville Thrives Community Open House #2**

Mr. Afton and Mr. Potter discussed the open house set-up, their experience and the feedback they seen at the open house.

#### **Recap from Will Afton and Rad Dickson on the Mother's Day Bulb Giveaway**

Mr. Dickson discussed how many bulbs were purchased and the turnout for this event

#### **Urban Street Survey Plan - Parks and Parkways Website Access**

It was discussed to get the tree inventory information added to the website and what information that would give the public

#### **Mandeville Trailhead Stage Planting Project - Next Steps**

Mr. Afton explained what he saw in the stage area. The commission discussed various options for that area and different locations that could be better to replant trees.

#### **Staff Update**

Mr. Dickson explained him and RCI discussed the dead planting on Florida Street and that it should be replaced through the warranty with RCI. The tree ordinance that councilman Discon introduced will be going before city council was discussed. Discussion of the plantings on North of Monroe to match South of Monroe Steet. Discussion of moving the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to another date; July 28<sup>th</sup> in place of July 7<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> meetings.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Afton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm, Ms. Kervin seconded and was unanimously approved.

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Tina Myers, Secretary

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Shawn Potter, Chairman  
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