

**Tree Conservation Commission
Business Meeting Minutes**

City of Atlanta, City Hall
Arborist Division, Suite 3800
Conference Room
September 19, 2018

Commissioners present: Sarah Boles, Katherine Moore, Nabil Hammam, Bruce Morton, John Rains,
Staff present: Kathy Evans, TCC staff

1. No August Business Meeting (no minutes to review).
2. Commission Membership.
Stephanie Stuckey – Review resume for tree conservation commission open position, member environmental organization.
VOTE: unanimous support.
3. Update attendance policy. Members shall not miss more than three consecutive meetings. Emphasize adding members before losing members, and let all new members know expectations. Consensus of membership: address if operations become a problem. Recommend smaller Board (12-13 rather than 15) with ordinance update. Recommend designation for attorney.
4. Discuss review process for appeals of DDH review upon appeal. Suggestion for consideration: request TRAQ report for appeals and/or system for peer review.
5. BioHabitats Urban Ecology Framework. TCC members who participated in interviews discussed experience. Interviewer indicated that draft would be prepared and made available for review in February. Commission members suggested round-table format to evaluate ordinance improvements.
6. 2018 canopy imagery ordered. Next step, analysis of imagery.
7. Appeal Hearing. Five appeals this evening. No time at end of business meeting for review.
8. Old Business. TCC supports pre-review of plans to assess impact on trees/potential to preserve trees at early stage of plan review and site planning. John Rains sent email to Commissioner Keane expressing this support.
9. New Business. Co-chairs will request meeting with Urban Ecology Framework and other decision makers to evaluate/make in-depth recommendations for ordinance improvements.