

**Tree Conservation Commission
Business Meeting Minutes**

City of Atlanta
City Hall
Arborist Division, Suite 3800
Conference Room
January 24, 2018

Commissioners present: Sarah Boles, Nabil Hammam, Marvin Lampkin, John Rains (delayed arrival; arrived in time for hearing)

Staff present: Kathy Evans, Arborist Division

1. **Membership.** Late start due to traffic delays. Several members unable to attend due to last minute conflicts. Meeting time was shortened and time was allocated for independent review of appeals.
2. **Minutes.** December Minutes approved by those present.
3. **Discussion/Updates**
 - **Ordinance.** Discussion of connection between tree protection and other ordinances related to development. Discussion of tree recompense and impact fees, options for incentivizing development of undisturbed, less environmentally valuable sites. Suggested that TCC develop list of “quick fixes” for ordinance.
 - **Arbor Day.** Friday, February 16. City Council proclamation will be read Monday, February 19. TCC members attend if available. Mayor’s Symposium, February 15 – let K.Evans know if members would like to attend either.
 - **Canopy Update.** Presentation scheduled for March 15, 2018.
 - **Membership.** Potential nominee mentioned previously (environmental planner who was recommended by S. Boles) is not available at this time.
 - **Questions.** Many trees are marked for removal at Civic Center site. Discussion of policy about removing markings on trees that are saved when development plans are changed or abandoned. Can future plans be adapted to preserve more the peripheral trees? (Contact Parks Department for more information about public/r.o.w. trees).
 - **Atlanta’s Urban Forest Calendars.** A few copies remain. Please contact K. Evans or Arborist Division if you need additional copies.
4. **Old Business.**
 - TCC Work Session planned for Saturday, February 17, 9:30a-12:30p (note: Postponed until **February 24** due to illness)
 - Review of hearing procedures.
 - Financial disclosure forms will be distributed soon. Don’t forget to complete as soon as you can.
5. **Review period.** Time designated to read and review files in preparation for hearing.