

Tree Board Minutes of August 18, 2020 meeting at Folklife Museum, 317 Goode St., Houma.

Officers: Diane Theriot, acting chair, Monica Harris, secretary; Members: Barton Joffrion, Mike Niette, Pat Gordon, Jason Serrano; Parish advisors: Linda Henderson, David Luke, and Chris Pulaski

Meeting was called to order by Diane Theriot at 11:30. All members were present. QUORUM MET.

**Motion to accept July minutes** as written, was made by Pat Gordon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Niette.

**Financial report** was not received but nothing has been spent since the last report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trudy Hebert and Melissa Hutchinson have resigned. Chris has applied for the Apache tree grant for the Arbor Day Tree tree give-away.

Barton reminded the board that we have not dedicated the tree in honor of Sybil Guidry, founder of the Tree Board. We decided Shady Oaks Park would be an appropriate place. Barton Joffrion will contact Bob Thidodaux who had expressed interest in donating the tree. Chris suggested a Heritage Oak if possible.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Earmarked project updates:**

**East Tunnel** Pat Gordon will submit phase 2 plans to DOTD for approval.

**Courthouse Oaks**—The board will ask for new quotes for work on the oaks. The base quote will include only pruning dead wood and weak limbs. Other work will be quoted individually as alternatives.

**Dularge overpass**—Changes in trees will be made and the plans to DOTD.

**Tree Award Committee** -- Mike Niette will pick up one sign from Oaklawn School and the award will be presented to Capital One Bank on W Tunnel Blvd in appreciation of their preservation of the oak trees.

**Tree Donation project.** Linda has researched plaques to be placed near donated trees. She will bring samples to the September meeting. Mike has agreed to chair the committee which will coordinate tree donations and locations.

**Announcements:** Chris has submitted a request to the Parish Council to reduce the number of Tree Board members from 9 to 7. There will be a public hearing on the matter on Sept. 8. If approved, we will still be missing one member.

The next meeting will be Sept. 15 at the Folklife Museum. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Niette and seconded by Pat Gordon to adjourn at 11:50.

Monica Harris, secretary