

Community Tree Council (CTC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 14, 2022

Location: 2555 Lexington Rd, Athens, GA

In Attendance:

Members: Jessie McClellan, Pam Knox, Patrick Perry, Lauren Ward,
Phil Hale, Mary Songster, Holly Campbell, Jeanne Connell, Shawn Doonan



Meeting Called to order **Jessie McClellan**

4:00 pm

Educational Shorts:

4:00-4:15 pm

Members viewed the attached video link [Accessing a Tree](https://youtu.be/HSykpjZ-Y), demonstrating the various skills and techniques utilized in climbing and maneuvering within the trees canopy. The various techniques focus on the importance of safety and comfort to the climber to ensure they maintain a clear thought process while performing the highly skilled tasks.

<https://youtu.be/HSykpjZ-Y>

Live Streaming and recording of the meeting began at 4:15 pm following presentation

4:15-5:25 pm

CTC Committee and Work Group discussions:

Acceptance of October meeting minutes:

Motion to Accept: Jessie 2nd by Patrick Accepted by all

Treasurer's Report

Pam Knox

Money Market Account

Beginning Balance as of 10/17/2022	\$10,029.32
Interest 10/31/2022	0.17
Ending balance as of 11/14/2022	\$10,029.49

Checking Account

Starting balance 10/17/2022	\$1,769.45
Ending balance 11/14/2022	\$1,769.45

PayPal Account AccTrees@athenstrecouncil.org

Beginning balance 10/17/2022	\$1,646.54
Ending balance 11/14/2022	\$1,646.54

Motion to Accept: Jessie 2nd by Patrick Accepted by all

Membership:

- All council members' terms expiring on December 31, 2022 opted to renew and commit to another term.
- 2023 Executive Committee
President Elect Patrick Perry will assume roll as President
Pam Knox to continue as Treasurer
New President Elect position to be discussed at December meeting

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Mary had a conversation with Commissioner Carol Myers about possible involvement and representation with the CTC.

CTC Trees for Tomorrow Work Group:

MLK day service event January 16, 2023 planting at two locations for consideration along the Old Winterville Rd Firefly trail section, trail crossings near Nellie B Ave and the sitting area at the Indian Hills Dr./Winterville Rd. Stoplight. Work group members will test the soil conditions for exact locations and species.

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Further planning and discussions will be held regarding the Arbor Day events, both state and national celebrations.

CTC Policy Committee:

No new developments. Patrick reiterated this is a slow process will need to be a constant and regular effort to be effective.

Education committee:

- There were 11 participants at the Forest Bathing event, further discussions and promotions of future events will be needed.
- Spring OLLI proposal submitted for winter-spring 2023 session. Topic is winter tree ID. An online lecture plus 2-hour tree walk was proposed.

Parking Lot Items:

December meeting will coincide with end of year party on Monday December 12th the following items will be discussed

- o **Optional work Day National Arbor April 28th mulching of trees at Gaines School Rd Elementary, seeking a mulch donation for the event.**
- o **Possible plaques for trees installed as part of the Carl Jordon Groove along the Firefly trail.**
- o **Green Life Award nominations possibly individual, civic group or business**
- o **GFS Arbor Day Event**
- o **2023 CTC President Elect**

Meeting Adjourned 5:25 pm

Motion to Accept: Jessie 2nd by Phil Accepted by all

