



# The City of Hoboken

## Shade Tree Commission

Minutes  
Meeting on June 10, 2013

### 1. Roll call

- Present - Condon, Dziman, Yuhas Tricarico and via Skype, Henriques
- Also present - Commissioner Emeritus Fahmie, Diana Davis
- Excused - The representative from Environment Services, Calamoneri

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May meeting were approved as amended. The amended version has been distributed to verify accuracy.

### 3. Old Business

#### a. Washington Street Tree Project

- Watering of new trees on the 100 block continue to be a concern. Tricarico will work with Calamoneri to determine the schedule and frequency of the watering with Director Pellegrini

- A PO for signage and plantings has been submitted by Condon. Tricarico will follow up on the status of the PO and communicate to the Commission so that the project can begin.

b. Washington Street Project Phase 2 (200 block) – Tricarico indicated that, under certain circumstances, no RFP was required.

#### c. Additional City wide tree planting –

- Tricarico will determine how many residents have asked for trees to be planted in front of their property after combining all the requests that have been received.

- Dziman will determine how many of those residents actually have the proper space for a new tree and new tree pit.

- Fahmie will recommend a document that property owners who receive trees will have to sign indicating that they will care for the tree. In addition, he will make a recommendation on how much a resident will pay for the tree

d. Washington Street “Culture” Change - Tricarico will follow up with Director Pellegrini to determine if citations have been given to building owners who have trash in pits on 100 block of Washington Street. In addition, Henriques is meeting with the President of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the possibility of businesses "sponsoring" trees to help pay for the maintenance.

e. Hazardous Trees – A grant to help pay for the removal of hazardous trees has been submitted.

f. Commissioner Status – Awaiting final approval of the recommendations for 2013.

g. New Vision Statement – Henriques is meeting with the Mayor to review the new Vision Statement. Once that is done, he will communicate to the Commission, via group email, the status. The following assignments were finalized.

- Director Pellegrini – Calamoneri
- Giattino – Henriques
- Castellano – Henriques
- Cunningham – Dziman
- Bhalla – Dziman
- Doyle – Fahmie
- Mello – Yuhas
- Mason – Henriques
- Occhipinti – Tricarico
- Russo – Tricarico

h. Bulletin Board by Walgreens – Tricarico will follow up with Director Pellegrini to have it removed.

i. ArborPro maintenance – Fahmie is checking on the accuracy of the inventory taken by ArborPro.

j. The Community Forestry Program – Fahmie and Tricarico will follow up to determine next steps

#### 4. New Business

a. Storm water runoff education - Yuhas will distribute concerning information and education about storm water runoff.

b. Shade Tree Federation Membership Cards - Tricarico handed out membership cards. Tricarico will investigate the next conference dates and determine who from the City is attending.

c. Environmental Services - Tricarico will coordinate all tree requests, complaints and comments, etc. into one data base.

d. Commemoration of Freddie Moret - Tricarico and Calamoneri will determine how best the STC should commemorate Freddie and coordinate with other City departments.

e. Communications amongst Commissioners - Tricarico requested that no group emails be distributed. There was agreement that no final decisions or votes could take place via email, but that group communications were left up to each Commissioner.