DARLINGTON CITY TREE BOARD
Minutes from Monday, February 24, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.
City Administration, 410 Pearl St.

Attending were Tree Board members Mr. James, Ms. Brown, Ms. Fallaw, and Mrs. Brasington; and Ms. Rock, planning director.

Ms. Rock called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from the Sept. 30, 2019, meeting: Mr. Ervin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Brasington made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Trees SC Lunch and Learn: Ms. Rock said that Trees SC was interested in doing a workshop educational event in the City. It would be a lunch-and-learn style event, open to the public and free to attend. She provided a choice of dates. The Board agreed to Thursday, May 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with refreshments in the back of the room if desired. Ms. Rock said the meeting would be either at City Hall or the media center at the track if the date was available.

South Main Street Project Update: Ms. Rock said that the first seven trees were planted last year. SCDOT refused the permit for the project as an entirety, so she has had to make individual applications by property address to accomplish the project. She asked how the board wanted to continue forward on that project. Ms. Brown suggested trying to plant the slower growing trees in the plan. The Board noted that three calls to businesses could get all the crabapple tree spaces reserved. The Board asked to send the agreements to all the property owners and see what gets a positive response.

Cashua Street Project Update: Ms. Rock said many of these were approved and planted. One person did not want a tree planted, and five others did not respond. Mr. James said he could get signatures for at least two of those in person. The Board also asked the dead dogwood at 209 Cashua be removed.

Palmetto Pride Tree Grant Award & Progress: Ms. Rock said several of the trees planted last fall will be relocated due to the location of the trail behind Voter Registration. Mrs. Brasington said she thought the trees were planted too close together anyway. Ms. Brown suggested using some of the crepe myrtle trees on Orange Street near the trailer park. Ms. Rock said she will add this to the grant list.

Arbor Day Project Ideas: Ms. Rock said she welcomed any ideas on locations for tree planting outside the South Main Street and Cashua Street projects, and she would try to tie them all together for the grant or use them for Arbor Day. **Mrs. Fallaw said there is a long block with nothing on either side around East Hampton Street and Woods Street. Ms. Rock said she would ask the arborist for suggestions of what would survive in that environment. Mrs. Brasington said the empty circle at the Darlington Library on North Main Street needs something, maybe a Japanese maple which would be small and pretty. Mr. James said the suggestion last meeting of a Gingko might be**

good too. Ms. Brown said she has permission from Southeastern Grain on East Broad Street to plant crepe myrtles on its property.

Mrs. Brasington made a motion that the next meeting be rescheduled to Monday, May 18, instead of May 11. Mrs. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.