MINUTES
DARLINGTON CITY TREE BOARD
Monday, August 8, 2022
City Hall, 400 Pearl St.

Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were staff Mrs. Bailey, and Board members, Mr. James, Mrs. Goodsell, Ms. Brasington, and Ms. Fallaw.

Ms. Brasington made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2022, meeting as presented. Ms. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mrs. Bailey had an arborist review the suggested list of trees-to-plant in the City ordinance to update it, specifically removing Bradford pears and other invasive non-native species and adding more choices of species. Mr. James made a motion to recommend City Council adopt the ordinance to update Section 90-65(a) of the City of Darlington Code of Ordinances. Ms. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously. The Board suggested promoting and encouraging native species with a press release once the ordinance had been approved.

Arbor Day Project Ideas: Previous discussions involved planting at the library, but the library will be using the space for an art mosaic instead.

Mrs. Bailey suggested adding trees to the Terrence F. Carraway Park on Southern Pine and Kirven Streets. The Board discussed varieties including live oaks, red or Southern Sugar maples, elms, or Pistache trees. Ms. Braisngton made a motion to plant as many large trees as possible for Arbor Day at Carraway Park. Ms. Fallaw made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Another possible project discussed was the West End Memorial on Pearl Street that looks quite bare as the only items on the lot are a blank cement pad and monument. Mr. James suggested talking to Ms. Peggy Sheffield and the Darlington Manufacturing Company committee. The Board will look at this as a potential future project. Ms. Brasington said she will approach the Darlington Garden Club about it as well.

Old Business: The Board said one of the maples at the courthouse grounds looks like it is dying. The Board also requested checking on two dead dogwoods near the Dargan property on Cashua Street.

The next meeting of the City of Darlington Tree Board will be the Arbor Day presentation at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Carraway Park.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.