

Tree Conservation Commission Business Meeting Minutes

City of Atlanta
City Hall
Arborist Division, Suite 3800
Conference Room
March 20, 2019

Commissioners present: Marvin Lampkin, Katherine Moore, Lawrence Richardson, Elizabeth Ward

Guests present: DeLille Anthony, Leslie Ellinger, Bobbie Wagoner

Staff present: Kathy Evans, TCC staff

Speaker: Tamaria Letang, COA, Plan Review Specialist, Sr.

1. **Presentation. “Zoning 101,”** by guest speaker, Tamaria Letang, Plan Review Specialist.
 - Code gives a bundle of rights.
 - Rules to protect against nuisances, protect health, safety, welfare, etc.
 - Comprehensive plan and zoning give teeth.
 - Office of Zoning provides entitlement review - density, dimensions, NPU, quality of life, etc.
 - Applicants, entitled to appeal for variances from Code.
 - Zoning Ordinance Update -ongoing.
 - Phase 1: June 2019 “quick fixes” includes 14 or so changes.
 - Phase 2 - out for bid January 2019.
 - ADU – first phase R5; second phase expanding areas.
 - Question: Do you advise applicants about tree-related issues. A: No, that is up to arborist and Zoning advises applicant to see Arborist as soon as possible.
 - Brief discussion about tree well sizes for street trees. Recommend greater than 4’x 8’ (32’ square ft). Minimums should be based on soil volume, not just surface area. Planting specs should be standardized across Code – for various zones, parking lots and street trees.
 - Ms. Letang is willing to present again to commission for benefit of those who could not be present and to discuss additional topics. Please submit topics if more information is needed.

2. **Minutes from February Work Session.** Approved by all present.

3. **Arborist Division Update.** Position for additional field arborist remains open.

4. **Hardship guidelines.** Updates reviewed and approved.

5. **UEF process.** TCC would like schedule of ordinance discussion on specific topics.

6. **New Business.** Second appeal hearing scheduled this month – Wednesday, March 27.