

Town of James Island
Minutes of the Tree Council
November 12, 2024

Present: David Tomblin, Paul Cantrell, Natalie Rumph, Jenny Welch & Robin Hardin

Absent Members: Julie Hallman & Garrett Milliken

Staff: Keith LaDeaux

Minutes: Minutes of the September 10, 2024, meeting were approved.

Nominations for Tree Award: The live oak at 923 Stiles Blvd., nominated by Keith LaDeaux, was unanimously approved to receive the next Tree of Distinction Award. A date will be set in early 2025 to deliver the Award to the homeowner.

Review of TreeSC Conference: Though the opportunity for this year has passed, David recommended all Tree Council members attend this excellent annual conference. It's always in early November and will be held in the upstate in 2025. Climate change is effecting our trees and timely helpful information is presented and shared. There are currently (43) Tree Cities and (6) college campuses participating.

Finalize Tree Giveaway Planning: The 150 seedlings ordered have arrived and will need to be planted in root bags and labelled. It was agreed that members would meet at Pinckney Park the following Saturday to prepare seedlings for the giveaway. Keith volunteered the (11) AmeriCorps workers to help.

David asked Paul to create (3) large posters for our tent that describe the Dogwood and the Redbud Trees and state the TOJI Tree Council's mission. David will have these printed through his resources.

Natalie suggested that we have (3) demos on how to plant the seedlings during the Holiday Market hours.

Members discussed how to contain and store the seedlings after planting in root bags. They will be kept at Pinckney Park.

The next meeting of the TOJI Tree Council will be Tuesday, January 14, 5pm.