

**Urban Forestry Advisory Board Meeting**

February 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING WILL BE HELD ON ZOOM

**Members:** Will Dockery - *Chair*, Eric Boles, Preston Thibodaux, Blake Tedford, Lacey Jennen, Zane Colvin, Samuel Adkisson

**City Staff:** Sonya Morell, Operations Assistant; John Scott, Urban Forester; Melissa Evans, Urban Forester

**1. Call to Order**

Will Dockery, Chair (COVID-19 Statement)

**2. Approval of Previous Month's UFAB Minutes-** Will Dockery, Chair *January*

**3. Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair-**

**4. Invasive Species List-** We are being asked to update the invasive species list by Environmental Action Committee and Arkansas Native Plant Society groups. We also need to think about the following:

- How many to add
- What criteria
- How often do we want to visit this list to update

**5. New time for the meeting-** Media Services has several meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month and ask us if we would move to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month.

**6. Native or Invasive Plant Presentation-** Will Dockery

- February -Preston
- March-Eric

**7. Monthly numbers.**

In January, there were 3 HHOD single-family projects approved, and five grading permits were approved. Sixty-Four acres of land was approved for grading, 19.6 acres (30%) contained tree canopy. We preserved 17.1 acres (26%) of the canopy for 87% of the existing canopy. These projects were required to plant 398 trees as landscape requirements.

- 64 Acres of Land
- 19.6 acres of Tree Canopy / 30% of the 64 acres
- 17.1 acres of Preserved tree canopy / 27% of the 64 acres
- 2.5 acres was removed / 4% of the 64 acres

**8. Other Business**

**A.** Amazing Tree of 2020- Plaque is installed in front of the Walker-Stone House

March 15<sup>th</sup> is Arkansas Arbor Day, we will have a little plaque unveiling. A very limited and small group.

- B. Next Years Amazing Tree
- C. Code Status – Response from Developers and Kit Williams.
- D. Invasive Removal- I would like for us to figure out a way to start back with our removal at

9. **Adjourn**