



**CITY BEAUTIFICATION AND
TREE BOARD AGENDA**

Start Location - Tesla Supercharger - Corner of Baldwin Ave. &, S 10th St, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

End Location - Bogey's Bar & Restaurant - 660 Baldwin Ave, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

November 7, 2024

4:00 PM

1. Call to order

2. Approval of Minutes

A. October 3, 2024

3. Suggestions For Native Plants Downtown

4. Downtown Directional Signage at the Intersection of 10th and Baldwin

5. Citizen Comments

6. Adjournment

**DeFuniak Springs
City Beautification and Tree Board
Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
October 3, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Sommer Adams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Present: Sommer Adams, Mike Goodchild, Evan Anderson.

Absent: Kim Wennerberg, Tony Brunson.

Also, present was Koby Townsend City Manager, Rafael Ali City Clerk.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 12, 2024

B. September 12, 2024 - Dog Park Task Force Workshop

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Goodchild and seconded by Mr. Adderson; the motion passed without objection.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Suggestions For Native Plants

Mrs. Adams presented suggestions for native plants. She mentioned that she had a conversation with a friend from Fort Walton Beach about plants that thrive in this environment. Mrs. Adams emphasized the need to avoid weeds.

Mr. Goodchild expressed his desire to steer clear of anything tropical. The board discussed various grasses they would like to see. Mr. Goodchild noted that there are native flowers with year-round color, but maintenance can become an issue. Mrs. Adams added that a lot of color can be achieved without using flowers.

Mr. Goodchild recommended holding a meeting on Main Street. He also inquired about the current budget. Mr. Townsend responded that the budget stands at \$10,000. Mr. Adams stressed that consistency should be a key consideration when selecting plants. Mr. Townsend indicated that the list can serve as guidance for the staff and suggested approaching the project on a case-by-case basis. He also mentioned that he would like to include the jet-out for Main Street in the list.

Mrs. Adams noted that the strip by Tesla is on her list, and she expressed her desire to plant native species there. Mr. Anderson asked if the board would like to hold a meeting to gather

more suggestions. Mrs. Adams affirmed that they would. She added that Main Street is in favor of making the area more appealing.

Mayor Campbell remarked that they are missing an attractive element and emphasized the need for something eye-catching. Mr. Goodchild shared his preference for Japanese maples because they remain manageable in size. Mr. Anderson suggested setting a meeting to visit downtown, and Mr. Townend agreed.

Mr. Anderson inquired whether the public should be invited to this meeting. Mr. Townend confirmed that they should. He proposed that they could use a map with cardboard to mark areas of interest as they go. He suggested conducting this at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Anderson asked if they could start a little earlier, around 4:00 PM. Mr. Townend also raised the idea of inviting Main Street. Mr. Anderson agreed and suggested starting at Tesla.

Mrs. Adams mentioned that they should visit as just the board first and send in ideas for what they want. She reiterated that the board could explore the area before including others. Mr. Goodchild asked what day this visit would take place, and Mr. Townend answered that it would be on November 7.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Manager Koby Townsend

1. Dog Park Recommendation

Mr. Townend asked if they were prepared to make a recommendation to the council. Mr. Goodchild inquired whether they were moving forward with the new location. Mr. Townend confirmed that they were.

Mr. Goodchild then asked why the change was made. Mr. Townend explained that the decision was made by Mrs. Wennerberg.

Lisa Sorrows added that the new location is more cost-effective than the previous one. She noted that the new site has better infrastructure already in place and is significantly more accessible than the old location.

A motion was made to move forward with the concept of the dog parking with the location in front of the police department as option #1 and the location next to the armory as option #2 by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Goodchild; the motion passed without objection.

2. Downtown Curb Jet-Out Rehab

Mr. Townend presented on the Downtown Curb Jet-Out Rehabilitation. He stated that this is one of the projects he wants to focus on. Mr. Townend expressed his desire to collaborate with the garden club to work on the landscaping and related mediums.

3. Hwy 90 Wall Mural/Graphic

Mr. Townend presented on the Hwy 90 Wall Mural/Graphic. He discussed his idea to create a mural along that wall. Mrs. Adams expressed her interest in painting an old postcard that features DeFuniak Springs.

Mr. Townend explained the Downtown Curb Jet-Out Rehabilitation project to Mr. Goodchild. Additionally, Mrs. Adams mentioned that there is an artist in Crestview who specializes in murals.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mrs. Sorrows requested an update on the DFFA garden for 11th Street. Mr. Townend responded that they are currently missing the design layout for the project. He noted that a sketch is needed before they can proceed to the council.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Approved:

Kim Wennerberg, Chair

ATTEST:

Minutes taken by Rafael Ali, City Clerk
Proper notice having been duly given

*Native Plants

†Florida Friendly Plants

Light green:

*Dwarf Yaupon Holly, *Fakahatchee Grass, *Beautyberry, *Coontie Palm,

Dark green:

*Magnolia (e.g. 'Little Gem'), †Cast Iron Plant, †Liriope

Purple:

*Muhly Grass, *Purple Lovegrass, *Beautyberry, †Liriope, †Loropetalum

Yellow:

*Beach Sunflower, †Black-Eyed Susan, †Sunshine Ligustrum, †Lantana,

Orange/ Red:

*Blanket Flower, †Drift or Knockout Rose, †Lantana

Pink:

†Drift or Knockout Rose



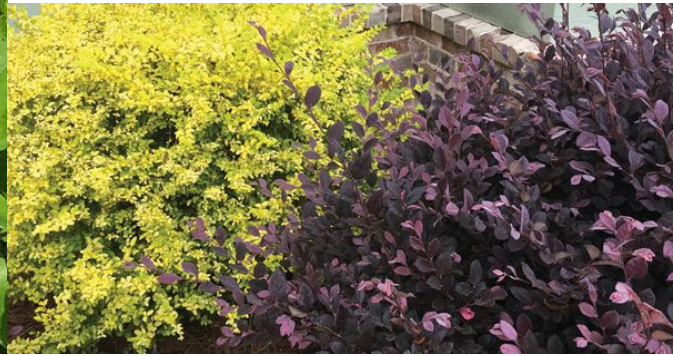
Blanket Flower / Fakahatchee Grass



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Sunshine Ligustrum / Loropetalum



Purple Lovegrass



Knockout Rose



Dwarf Yaupon and Loropetalum



Cast Iron Plant and Liriope



Coontie Palm



Beauty Berry



Lantana



Little Gem Magnolia

5. Flaunt fall-like foliage all year



Name: Heavenly bamboo (*Nandina domestica** and cvs.)

Zones: 6 to 11

Size: Up to 6 feet tall and 5 feet wide

Conditions: Full sun to partial shade; well-drained soil

Native Plant Suggestions

17 of 20 Purple Smoke Bush



- Latin Name: *Cotinus coggygria*
- Other Common Names: Purple smoke tree, smokebush, smoke tree, European smoke tree, Eurasian smoke tree

9. Blooms with style and endurance



Name: Glossy abelia (*Abelia* × *grandiflora* and cvs.)

Zones: 6 to 9



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DIANA TALIUN/SHUTTERSTOCK
Rosemary in a basket



COURTESY CARMEL RUGEL
Eastern tailed-blue butterfly on a Russian sage plant

Russian Sage

7. Versatile wands of color



Name: Chaste tree (*Vitis agnus-castus** and cvs.)

Zones: 6 to 9



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09 Indian Hawthorn

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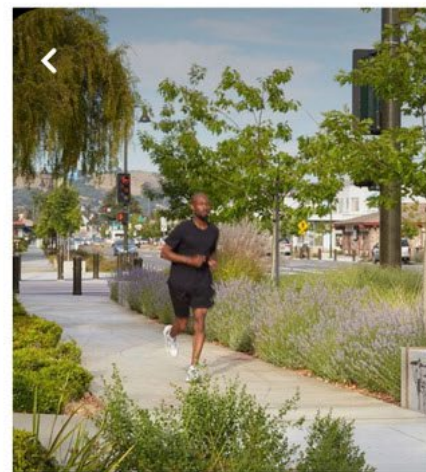
- Latin Name: *Raphiolepis indica*
- Other Common Names: India hawthorn
- Native to: Southern China
- USDA Zones: 7-11





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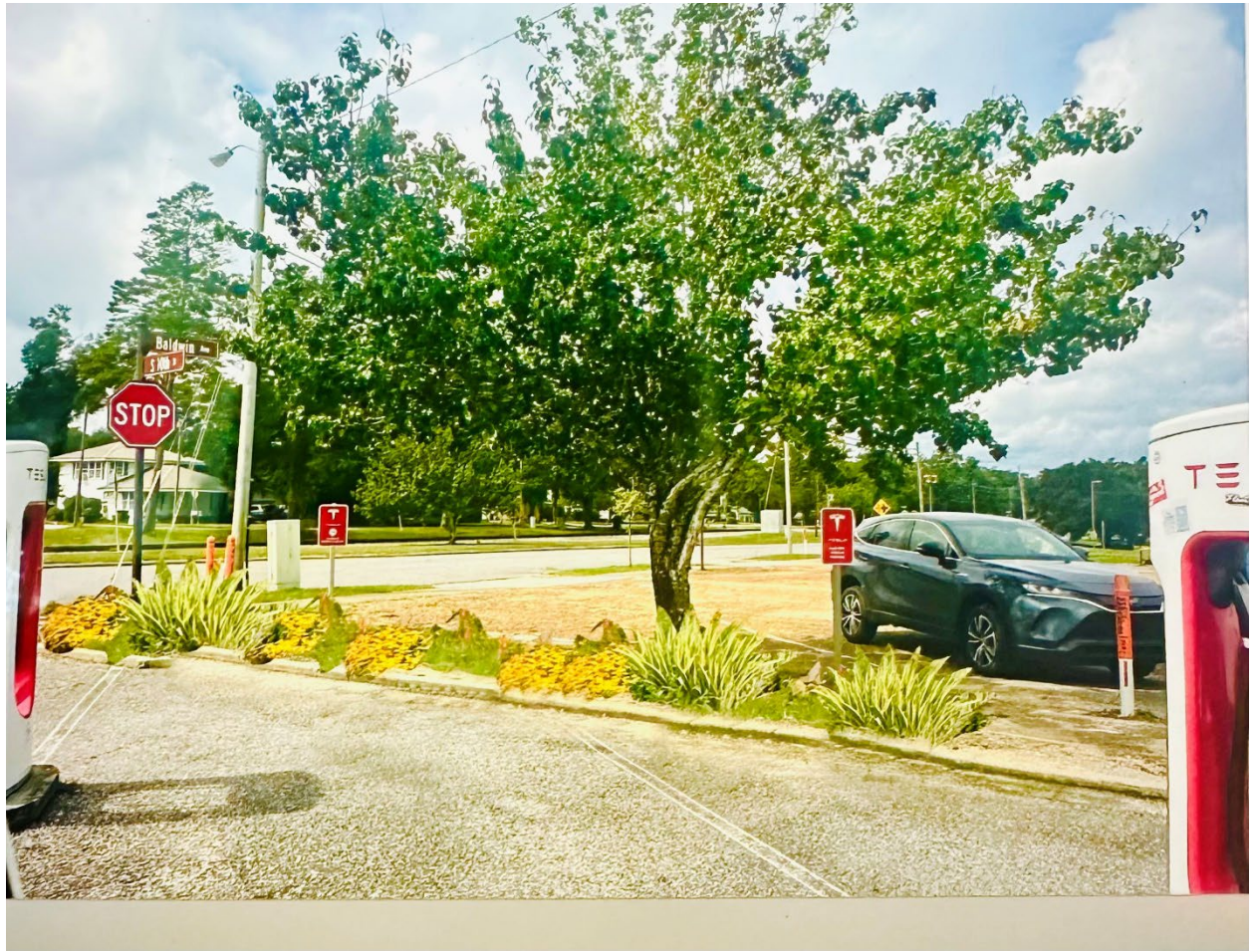
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Eric DeLano







Muhly Grass

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