



**CITY OF WESTMINSTER  
TREE COMMISSION  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 4:30 PM  
Conference Room, Second Floor, 56 West Main Street**

A meeting of the City of Westminster Tree Commission was held in the second floor conference room at 56 West Main Street, in Westminster, Maryland 21157, on March 13, 2019, at 4:30 PM.

Chair Steve Allgeier, Vice-Chair Cindy May, and Commissioner Tim Bangerd were present. City staff Andrew Gray and Samantha Schlitzer were present.

The following members of the public were present: Dave Johansson, Kevin Wagman.

Chair Allgeier opened the meeting at 4:33 PM.

Commissioner Bangerd made a motion to approve the meeting summary from December 12, 2018. Vice-Chair May seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Allgeier opened New Business Item A – 2019 Arbor Day Celebration. Mr. Gray mentioned the celebration would be held on Saturday, April 20 at 1pm in Belle Grove Square Park.

Chair Allgeier opened New Business Item B – Proposed Tree Replacement at 130 East Main Street. Mr. Gray provided background information and a recommendation that the Tree Commission determine what type of tree should replace the destroyed Maple Tree, conditioned upon Miss Utility confirming that no underground utility lines would prevent replacement.

Chair Allgeier motioned to allow the City Arborist to choose a species from the approved street trees list, except a maple. Commissioner Bangerd seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Allgeier opened Commissioners Reports. He asked City staff about the empty tree pit in front of 77 East Main Street and asked if something could be planted there. Mr. Gray replied that he would look into it.

Chair Allgeier opened Staff Reports. Mr. Gray mentioned that the City's Comprehensive Tree Plan was approved by the Mayor and Common Council and is on the City's website for review.

Mr. Gray mentioned that he contacted Dr. Elizabeth Perkins from McDaniel College in regards to working with the Commission. He is scheduled to meet with her on March 20, along with the City Arborist.

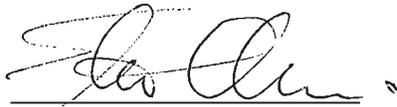
On behalf of the City Arborist, Ms. Schlitzer stated that the sycamore trees in front of 233 East Main Street need to have the lights removed from the branches. The Arborist observed the wires being tightly wound around the tree, causing tree health to decline.

Chair Allgeier made a motion for City staff to contact the property owner to remove the permanent lights from the trees, but allow temporary, seasonal lighting at appropriate times during the year. Vice-Chair May seconded. The motion passed.

Dave Johansson, owner of 28-30 East Main Street, stated that he is going to replace the sidewalk in front of the building. There is a street tree causing the sidewalk to heave and will negatively impact the new concrete. He requested to remove the tree, replace the sidewalk, and then plant a smaller replacement tree afterward.

Chair Allgeier requested the City Arborist work with Mr. Johansson to see if a remedy can be found without removing the tree. If the tree must be removed and replaced, the Arborist can supply Mr. Johansson the proper contact information for licensed tree experts.

Chair Allgeier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Commission adjourned at 4:58 PM.



Steve Allgeier, Chair  
Westminster Tree Commission