**Minutes from Parks & Trees Commission Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2025**

Meeting called to order: 5:34 pm

In attendance: Barb Willens, Donna Cox, Rickey Macklin, Barbara Cantey

First item on agenda: Review of first presentation by Trees4SC! on January 13, 2025.

Kat mentioned that the Trees4SC! representatives have not reached out, but may have what they need online while researching ordinances.

Downtown trees will need to be a topic for future conversation and recommendations from the Trees4SC! Kirkwood Park would like to be a focus area as well.

Second item on agenda: Trees Ordinance Review

Due to the absence of three members, it was agreed that ordinance review would be postponed. Commission members were given a hard copy of the ordinance to review prior to the February 24 meeting with Trees4SC!

Third item on the agenda: Kids to Parks Day

Kat asked Commission members as to whether they thought it was worthwhile to schedule another Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The group mentioned several events that take place in City parks, and agreed that the event feels redundant.

New topics for the Commission to discuss: Barb asked why the Commission isn’t invited to Legacy Bench Dedication. Kat said she had not realized Commission members were previously invited to all bench dedications and she would be sure to include them all future dedication ceremonies.

Barb said that the magnolia trees in the right of way in front of the Kershaw County Rec Dept on Highway 1 were improperly pruned and will cause limbs to die and potentially fall.

Barb reported a puddle in front of the synagogue on Lyttleton Street; Kat said she would let the water department know.

Rickey mentioned the water spigot near the batting cage hasn’t been turned back on since a water line repair at Kirkwood Park.

Donna reported a large limb that appears to be dead and a safety hazard on Polo Lane, up the hill behind the polo field. Kat said she would alert the Streets crew and mentioned to Commission members that issues such as this can also be reported through the Connect Camden app.

Rickey asked why, when he used the Connect Camden app, his address at 215 Champion Street isn’t coming up. Kat said she would report is to the app developers to rectify that.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.