

Mr. Chris Ford, Homeowner, was present and answered the board's questions and provided photos for review.

The recommendation for the removal of the tree with waived mitigation requirements will be presented to the City Council at the March 3, 2026, Council meeting for approval.

Motion to approve removal of tree from 164 Sweetgum Lane with recommendation to waive mitigation payment made by Kristine Cunningham and 2nd by Glenn Smith. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Spring Festival/Plant Giveaway

Margarete Tomlinson, Construction & Engineering Manager, shared that the Spring Festival has been moved to June, so the planned Spring plant giveaway will be moved to the Fall Festival. Chair Kristine Cunningham suggests for the fall event, purchasing approximately 120 plants and reaching out to previous participants to see if they are interested in receiving them. Any remaining plants will be given away on the day of the event.

Philip Klema, Member, asked whether the same types of plants discussed in previous meetings would be offered. Chair Kristine Cunningham noted that the selection will depend on what is available for purchase at that time.

4. Items for Next Agenda

- Tree's by Ponds.
- Water Restrictions - Greg Lariscy, Code Enforcement Manager
- Stormwater Projects and Reclaimed Water – Junos Reed, City Engineer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinbogen, Resident, asked if removing one tree would set a precedent for removing others. Chair Kristine Cunningham and Mr. Tim Burman explained that the tree is on the homeowner's property and is the closest one to a structure.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Kristine Cunningham inquired about future tree-related issues, including Ridgewood properties, where flood-damaged homes are being demolished, and whether tree bank money would be used for replanting. Ms. Margaret Tomlinson explained that the preferred approach is to use tree bank funds for larger stormwater or parkland projects rather than scattered tree plantings. Ms. Margaret Tomlinson also discussed FEMA-funded demolition of three repeatedly flooded homes purchased by the City. After demolition, existing trees along property lines will remain, and disturbed areas may be used for a small native-plant demonstration project, with the primary

focus remaining on tree canopy preservation. Chair, Kristine Cunningham noted an expected countywide push to recanopy streets.

The board discussed potable reuse ("toilet to tap"), which had previously been addressed at a council meeting. Ms. Margaret Tomlinson indicated that this reclaimed water issue along with stormwater projects that are ongoing could be presented in more detail at a future meeting by Junos Reed, City Engineer.

Resident Robert Reinhagen, asked about Code Enforcement rules for watering lawns during drought conditions. Ms. Margaret Tomlinson stated she would arrange for Greg Lariscy, Code Enforcement Manager, to attend a future meeting to address water restriction regulations.

Chair Kristine Cunningham suggested creating a program to establish standards for purchasing and planting trees around ponds to help cool water temperatures, including guidance on tree size and placement to prevent issues with landscapers cutting newly planted trees.

The board also discussed member recruitment and briefly noted that no City property was known to be affected by the recent I-95 fire.

ADJOURNMENT - 4:47pm

5. Next Meeting Date: April 27, 2026
6. Board Report to City Council



Chair Kristine Cunningham