Ocean Walk Board of Directors

 Called Meeting 7/30/23

The meet was held via Zoom. Board members present were Karen Robinson, Tracy Brookshire, Baxter Pefffer and Janet Hueners.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

A quorum was established.

Karen Robinson presided in the absence of Allen Gilbert.

The purpose of the meeting was to decide which trees will be removed for the paving project based on the opinion of Roger Ditmer, certified arborist, at a walk-through of the Ocean Walk complex on July 25, 2023.

1. Roger recommended we remove three trees in the entrance planter which are not part of the paving project but need to be removed.
2. The tree in front of B building, tree 534, originally marked for removal might need to be cabled at a later date but does not need to be removed now.
	1. The asphalt near tree 534 needs to be removed around that tree to give the roots room to survive.
	2. The deep roots will not damage the new asphalt.
3. Tree 857 in front of F building is in fine shape and does not need to be removed.
	1. Asphalt around the tree should be removed but the deep roots will allow it to survive the deep patch repair process.
	2. The tree has borers which can be treated.
4. Tree 549, at the end of F building nearest the pool, a camphor tree, can remain.
	1. Camphor trees are invasive.
	2. We have two on the property but they are not propagating so the invasive aspect is not a concern at the moment.
5. Tree 853, a forked tree at the sidewalk near F4, across from H building, is the only tree near F building which needs to be removed.
6. Tree 544, in front of G building may not need to come down.
	1. Roger is doing research on the elephant knees at the bottom of the tree to see if they weaken the tree to the point it should be removed.
	2. Roger will report back to Theresa on the elephant knees.
7. Tree 854, at the corner of H building can remain.
	1. It needs to be trimmed.
	2. Some of the new growth on the tree should be left to feed the tree as it reestablishes itself.
8. Tree 1705 should be removed.
9. Trees 1708, 1709 and 1710 should be trimmed.

Discussion of changes which may be made to the parking lot because of the decisions made in this called meeting can be discussed when we meet to consider the bids from the asphalt repair and concrete contractors. We will need to do a cost/benefit analysis to determine if the cost of some of the proposed changes and/or installations is worth the benefit to be gained from them.

Roger Ditmer will not officially say the trees he recommends to keep will survive.

1. Red trees as marked on the original map were recommended to be removed by Ossabaw.
2. Some trees currently recommended to be removed by Roger Ditmer, were not designated as red trees by Ossabaw.
3. Roger Ditmer was told the trees we are discussing were going to have their roots cut for the deep patch repair.
4. Baxter wants to be sure that the red trees are still going to be removed.
5. He doesn’t want to keep a tree which will ultimately buckle the parking lot.
6. The tree in front of B was marked red but the planned planter will mean the roots will not infringe on the parking lot.
7. The tree marked red by A building, tree 356, is still being considered to come out.
8. The other red tree is tree 549, the camphor tree and will not impact the parking lot.
9. Two trees, 356 and 543, by A building are being considered to be removed,
10. Tree 542 is buckling the sidewalk but does not impact the parking lot so it is not part of the current discussion.
11. Two of the trees marked red by Ossabaw because they would not survive having their roots cut, are live oaks with deep roots that will not be affected by the paving project.

Janet made a motion to remove trees 356, 543, 853 and 1705 based on advice from Roger Ditmer, certified arborist. Karen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.