

Tree Committee

Members: Jeff Clark, Jeffrey Mintz – Co Chairs, Teresa Thompson, Chris Scornaienchi, David Weisenbloom, Steve Haggerty – Liaison

Purpose:

The Tree Committee advises and makes recommendations to the board on matters pertaining to the preservation and maintenance of the trees, monitors tree pruning and removal by contractors, and facilitates the planting of new trees.

Accomplishments:

East Green Tree Planting – partial restoring the historic landscape of the East Green. Flags marking the locations will be going in soon; please don't steal them.

Shade Tree Project Phase 1 – Identifying units that need shade trees in courts 1-6, both historic tree locations and new locations.

The beginning of streamlining tree replacement after removal

2018 Goals:

Continuing Shade Tree Project

Historic Landscape restoration – main green?

Alternative methods of paying for trees: Grants, sponsorships, homeowner participation

The Process:

If you're wondering why it takes so long to get a tree planted, it isn't a matter of saying "I want a pine tree here, a palm tree there and jacarandas everywhere". Being a historic property, we must consult the 1940's plan, 1960's plan, CLR, look at current conditions, think about the future conditions and consult the Arborist. Then write a compelling resolution.

This is not easy for a small committee; we can use help, lots of help. Perhaps you're sitting there thinking "I moved here because I like trees." Well, it's time to show how much you like the trees. We have acres of VG to walk and map out locations of missing historic trees and units that are baking in the sun. Join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.