



**CITY OF AVONDALE ESTATES  
TREE BOARD  
March 8, 2017  
3:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present:     Stephany Cross, Chair  
                              Pat Brown  
                              Bud Brown  
                              Sarah Miller  
                              Joanne Jacka

Staff Present:         Clai Brown, City Manager  
                              Oscar Griffin, Public Works Director

Item No. 1             Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2             Adoption of Agenda

Item No. 3             Welcome Guests  
                              Alex Beasley, Trees Atlanta  
                              Jon Balkcom, Georgia Power

Item No. 4             Discussion of Front Yard Tree Planting Project

In Gwinnett County, It's an interactive program whereby residents can go online and order a free tree from the species selected. The tree is then delivered free of charge and the resident is responsible for the planting. This program is also funded by a federal grant from the Georgia Forestry Commission. At this late date, the only trees left they could offer us were white oaks, which are large trees. The board decided to shelve the idea for this year but have asked that we be kept on their list for next year (pending funding). That said, I have contacted Alex Beasley from Trees Atlanta to get together and go over the City's preferred tree list. We will try to narrow the choices down to 10-12 of all size and types.

Item No. 5             General Discussion  
                              City Manager Brownis concerned about the mistletoe in our trees, so Jay West has offered, along with interested tree board members, to do a survey of the severity of the problem and come up with a plan of action/cost.

Item No. 6             Public Comment

Item No. 7             Adjournment

