

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PETALUMA, CA**  
**TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, August 15, 2007, 3:30 pm**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
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**Members Present:** Carothers, Norman, \*Scaccalosi, Sullivan, Wilson  
**\*Acting Chair**  
**STAFF:** Gabe Lanusse

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 18th , 2007, Approved

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Rod Scaccalosi nominated to chair. Motion was seconded. Scaccalosi accepts the nomination. Ayes 5, Nays 0. Tammara Norman nominated to vice chair. Motion was seconded and approved. Norman accepts the nomination. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Norman is the new vice chair.  
**Scaccalosi** requests that the guest speakers go ahead with their presentation and shift business afterwards. Motion was seconded and approved. Please see minutes of presentation under New Business.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- I. Update on General Plan (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**  
Nothing to report due to a canceled meeting.
- II. Heritage Trees (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**  
Scaccalosi emailed Tiffinay Renee, and will eventually get information then implement.
- III. Grants – Opportunities & Calendar (TAC & Wilson) (Discussion/Action)**  
Norman met with DeNicola, John Melvin , and Lanusse. Norman refined the 150 trees proposal, and actually will increase it to 150 private and 150 public trees. Norman will meet with the G.I.S. department and DeNicola to work on another grant to inventory Petaluma’s trees.
- IV. Various Cities Tree Survey (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**  
Sullivan passes out copies of the impressive hand out she worked on over the past month. It is noted that most communities look at private property, which Petaluma does not. Sullivan also hands out Street tree list that she combined with Santa Rosa. Next month, we will remove trees from the Petaluma street tree list.

**V. TAC Goals for Council Report (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**  
Scacalosi will work with Norman to get a presentation together.

**IX. Arbor Day Celebration (Scacalosi) (Discussion/Action)**  
Lanusse reports that the Liquid Amber at City Hall has been planted to replace the vandalized one. Scacalosi reports that Carl from rebuilding Petaluma will be the guest speaker next month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**I. New/Re-appointed committee member (Lanusse)**  
Norman has been reappointed to the T.A.C.

**II. Capri and Lynch Creek Renovation plan - Aimee Crawford and Steve Chatham** belong to Prunuske Chatham, Inc., which is a private firm in Occidental. They perform ecosystem related work in an ecological aspect with water quality issues. They basically work in 3 areas- planning, design, and construction. Hired through the Southern Resource Conservation District (R.C.D.'s). Michael Bowers is the representative, who is also in attendance. The RCD's work with agriculture and Natural resources. Issue is that the Capri Creek has sediment building up, and there are Poplar trees in the creek that need to be removed. They presented us with how creeks flow and criteria needed for wildlife. This creek is not a fish spawning creek. They asked us about issues raised by neighbors if the trees were removed and if the Park department maintain the areas around the site. A diagram of newly planted trees was also shown.

**III. Electronic Distribution of Tree Committee packets - (Discussion/Action)**  
Lanusse brings up the issue if the T.A.C. would prefer to have the Minutes and Agenda provided to them by email rather than print. A list will go around at the next meeting, and people can decide which format they prefer. Lanusse will also provide Carothers a T.A.C. binder.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: None**  
**LIAISON REPORTS: None**  
**STAFF REPORTS: None**

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### **PENDING FUTURE ITEMS:**

1. Tree Ordinance (TAC)
  2. Genetically Modified Trees
  2. Hansen House & Plan to Move Palm Trees
  3. Tree Brochures (Noriel) (September)
  4. Depot Palms (Noriel)
  5. Street Tree List Review & update.
  6. Proposed Clover Project (Reed)
  7. Sunnyslope Development- With Existing Trees
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**ADJOURNMENT: 5:39 p.m.**

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