

MINUTES
CITY OF PETALUMA, CA
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, December 19th, 2007, 3:30 pm
CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER
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Members: Carothers, Ferguson, Norman, *Scacalosi, Sullivan, Wilson
Staff: Lanusse

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made and 2nd to approve October's meeting minutes with changes proposed by Norman via email. Ayes-4, nays-0, abstain-1.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Update on General Plan Scacalosi and Norman attended a meeting on December 7th. They hope to have tree ordinance by March. The biggest part of the discussion regarded trees on public land. The Council is also strong on Green building. The next meeting is planned for Friday January 4th 2008 in the Law Library at City Hall.

II. Heritage Trees Lanusse will bring in the disk that was left by Renee.

III. Grants - Norman met with John Melvin, and DeNicola regarding the grants which are being pursued. She is almost finished the the Sesquicentennial Grant. The Ellis Creek site chosen for the mass planting was landscaped by Sandra Reed so an alternative site will have to be chosen. Lanusse points out that most parks are in need of trees. The time frame was discussed, and more focus will be on the public's 150 tree planting. Discussion was also about how to go about getting the public to request a tree, and what the application form should look like. It will also be translated into Spanish by Lanusse.

IV. Various Cities Tree Survey- Sullivan had nothing new to add.

V. TAC Goals for Council Report- - Lanusse reports that the date for the TAC goals report will be added to the council meeting when the proposal for the Sesquicentennial goes before council. It is also requested that the TAC would like to meet the new Parks and Recreation Director, Scott Brodhun.

VI. Brown Act-Resolved

VII. Street Tree List – TAC will complete the list at the January meeting

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Libby Fitzgerald from the Rotary contacted the TAC indicating that they were interested in planting trees.

LIAISON REPORTS: Sullivan reports that in a discussion of downtown trees(?) in a group, there was strong opposition of palm trees. Remarks were made that this is Petaluma, not L.A.

STAFF REPORTS: Lanusse will be working on putting the TAC binder onto an electronic format. He also apologizes for not getting Carothers his binder, but that some past members wanted to hold on to their binders.

PENDING FUTURE ITEMS:

1. Tree Ordinance (TAC)
 2. Genetically Modified Trees
 2. Hansen House & Plan to Move Palm Trees
 3. Tree Brochures
 4. Depot Palms
 5. Street Tree List Review & update.
 6. Proposed Clover Project (Reed)
 7. Sunnyslope Development- With Existing Trees
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ADJOURNMENT: 17:30

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