

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PETALUMA, CA**  
**TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007- 3:30 PM**  
Conference Room No. 3 - Petaluma Community Center  
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**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Noriel, \*Norman, Renee, Scaccalosi, Sullivan, Wilson.  
**\*Chair**

**Staff Present:** Gabe Lanusse

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January, 2007  
Minutes were approved.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**I. Update on General Plan (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**

**Renee** reports that the Hillside ordinance is mentioned in the General Plan. Items which are presented to the Planning Commission get filtered, Planning Commission presents items to Council for their approval. Norman submitted proposed text for a stated goal of "Trees in the Built Environment" with suggested policies and programs and received unanimous approval which means it will go forward for General Plan wording and Council review. Wilson and Renee proposed to adopt Norman's proposed text, which was submitted 1-29-07. Ayes have it. Inform Tuft that this is endorsed by the TAC. It has also been mentioned that with the new Council, the General Plan will take longer.

**II. Heritage Trees (Renee) (Discussion/Action)**

**Renee** had nothing to report. Norman wrote a notice for the Heritage Homes Newsletter. Lanusse will make correction to application form to refer to Community Development Department (vs. Planning) and will forward to Renee. Sullivan says that a Heritage speaker mentioned that CEQA requires that homes also include grounds.

**III. Street Tree List Review (Norman/Reed) (Discussion/Action)**

TAC draft of list needs to be examined because Redwoods and Alders should not be street trees. There is no specific formula, and would like a street tree master plan. We need to analyze what trees and where. Wilson suggests removing trees with high allergy indexes, planting red maples, and eliminating all Sycamores. Norman mentions we still need biodiversity, and even Sycamores have some benefits. Another point brought up is



that if a pest invades, you do need that diversity so the City does not lose a lot of trees at once.

**IV. Green Trees for the Golden State Grant (Noriel) (Discussion/Action)**

**Noriel** says that he has a couple of leads, but not there. Idea proposed to come up with a Grant calendar, because deadlines come up quickly.

**V. Various Cities Tree Survey (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**

**Scaccalosi** brought in information from Santa Rosa regarding trees for review. There is a lot of information on the Santa Rosa Web site. They also have a Street tree master plan. **Noriel** brought in information from Sonoma.

**VI. Proposed Clover Project (Lofroos/Reed) (Discussion/Action)**

**Lofroos** not present. Awaiting draft of letter of recommendation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I. TAC Goals for Council Report – June? (Norman) (Discussion)**

**Norman** hands out a draft of the TAC goals for everyone to review and comment on. She would like to state and focus goals in her report. **Lanusse** will talk to **DeNicola** to have her presentation placed on a Council Meeting.

**II. Arbor Day Celebration – April 28<sup>th</sup>, event and proclamation (Discussion)**

**Norman** brings up the issue of putting together an Arbor Day Celebration, as well as a date. **Scaccalosi** will put together the event for date, where, and how. **Lanusse** will obtain the proclamation.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: NONE**

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Sullivan** asked for global climate change wording to be added and referenced to General Plan, during a meeting for the General Plan. **Norman** brought in blue prints from **Reed** to examine use of trees in a SPARC approved business park development in Petaluma. There was some criticism regarding types of trees, orientation to building, and planter size.

**STAFF REPORT:**

**Lanusse** that **DeNicola** would like TAC to investigate planting black walnut trees along pathway at Ellis Creek. TAC would like more specifics, as well as a different choice of trees.

**PENDING FUTURE ITEMS:**

TAC 2007 goals to be added to February agenda. List to be defined in February meeting. This will be part of a yearly TAC report to City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

