

MINUTES
CITY OF PETALUMA, CA
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, January 17th, 2007- 3:30 PM
Conference Room No. 3 - Petaluma Community Center
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ROLL CALL:

Members Present: *Norman, Lofroos, Reed, Renee, Sullivan, Wilson.
*Chair

Staff Present: Gabe Lanusse

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November, 2006

Tammara Norman's name was misspelled in old business, section III. In old business section IV, the last sentence should read...There are some trees that are better suited for parks rather than streets, and should be removed from the list.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Norman requests that the section of Committee Member Reports, Liaison Reports, and Staff Report be moved to after new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Update On General Plan (TAC)

Norman states that January 22 will be the General Plan meeting. January 23 meeting is in regards to trees with the planning commission and the Hillside ordinance. Reed questions if the draft EIR and GP are they intertwined? Terraces in the flood plain were also discussed.

II. Survey of Cities (TAC)

Norman would like to discuss under new business.

III. Heritage Trees (Renee)

Renee leads discussion that people view making their trees as a negative. With people moving on average every 10 years, the heritage tree may make selling a home a problem. There was also a discussion regarding the Historic District. Sycamore trees were trimmed on Petaluma Blvd. North. Part of that section belongs to the county. Lanusse says that Wickersham Park is nearly done, and will have to go to Ron. Discussion also included the Magnolia Trees on the corners of Washington and Petaluma Blvd. North and trying to add Park trees to the Heritage list as time goes on.



IV. Street Tree List (Renee/ Wilson)

Renee has completed the current street tree list transcription to electronic format. **Norman** would like to create a Sub-committee to review the street tree list, which will review, filter and make initial suggestions. The Sub-committee will include Norman and Reed. Street tree lists (Los Gatos, Novato, and Sebastopol) were collected from city investigations. Wilson motions that the Dirty Dozen and Super Trees be considered in the Street Tree list. 2nd by Lofroos. The Ayes have it. No Nays. Renee has forwarded preliminary information to Tim Williamson, the City IT Manager and Jim Carr. Since Jim Carr is retiring, information will also be forwarded to Ron DeNicola. TAC members to share findings regarding other cities websites, pdf information, and links.

NEW BUSINESS

V. Green Trees for the Golden State Grant (Noriel)

Noriel Absent.

VI. Rohnert Park Tree Ordinance (Norman)

Norman –this item will be combined with Survey of Cities-Members in attendance have gathered information. Information still being gathered.

VII. Proposed Clover Project (Lofroos/Reed)

Lofroos presented Tree Survey and list as submitted by applicant. Reed explained the preliminary SPARC presentation. Initially no trees were to be saved on project site. Next SPARC presentation date is unknown. Lofroos will draft initial letter encouraging a design that saves trees, for TAC review.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Renee would like consideration to encourage use of treeless paper.

Norman would like the Tree Ordinance to be placed back onto the agenda. **Norman** to review past notes and provide summary and suggestions.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Reed is not receiving agenda mailings.

STAFF REPORT:

PENDING FUTURE ITEMS:

VIII. 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.

