

MINUTES
CITY OF PETALUMA, CA
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, July 18th, 2007, 3:30 pm
CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER
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Members Present: Carothers, *Scaccalosi, Sullivan, Wilson

***Acting Chair**

STAFF: Gabe Lanusse

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tammara Norman presented more information regarding the grants she is pursuing. She will still be pursuing them, even though she had not been re-appointed. There was discussion as to what happened and the structure of the committee. Issue of quorum was brought up as well as chair person. We have a quorum and the acting chair will be Scaccalosi. It was also brought up that Kit Lofroos resigned due to too many volunteer commitments at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 20th , 2007 Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Sullivan said that the G.P. is at the next step of shared priorities of SPARC, Planning, and City Council. Moore would look at the most achievable, such as hillside ordinance, and tree ordinance. Currently they are trying to set up work groups to look at details. These groups are composed of stakeholders. They want to wrap up by December.

II. Heritage Trees (TAC) (Discussion/Action)

Lanusse will meet with Evan in Community Development next week and check their information.

III. Grants – Opportunities & Calendar (TAC & Wilson) (Discussion/Action)

ReLeaf has a grant coming due August 17th. Looking for someone to manage the application, no one has the time right now since the deadline is soon. Will revisit grant for next year. Wilson continuing Grants Calendar.

IV. Various Cities Tree Survey (TAC) (Discussion/Action)

Lofroos resigned her post. Sullivan has offered to work on formatting a table to best present summarized information gathered. Need to obtain information Lofroos has regarding surveys.

V. TAC Goals for Council Report (TAC) (Discussion/Action)
Report is pushed back a few months when board is filled.

IX. Arbor Day Celebration (Scaccalosi) (Discussion/Action)
Lanusse reports that a tree has been purchased to replace the Liquid Ambar at City Hall and will find out on its status.

NEW BUSINESS

I. Elections - Postponed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Introduction of committee members.

LIAISON REPORTS: See Item I – GP for Sullivan report.

STAFF REPORTS: Lanusse reports that water bags are being removed from downtown area. Ginko at Wickersham has been staked. Down Town trees at Water St. do not have stakes due to vandalism, and will be re-staked in the winter months.

PENDING FUTURE ITEMS: See above for items to be added ()**

1. Tree Ordinance (TAC)
2. Genetically Modified Trees – (Renee)
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 (Lofroos/ Reed)
7. Sunnyslope Development- With Existing Trees

ADJOURNMENT:4:42 p.m.

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