

MINUTES
CITY OF PETALUMA, CA
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, June 20th, 2007, 3:30 pm
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Members Present: Norman*, Lofroos, Noriel , Renee, Wilson

***Chairperson**

STAFF: Gabe Lanusse (Absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 16th , 2007 approved

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Sullivan emailed that there had been some discussion at Planning Commission to begin the Tree Ordinance at staff level prior to the GP adoption however there was no resolution. There may be more input at the upcoming 6/25 group meeting of SPARC, Planning & Council.

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

Renee confirmed that the Community Development Department now has the updated application and register and a copy of the letter sent out by Renee. No further information on the interested party on D Street who responded to letter (Lanusse).

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

Norman presented the preliminary pre-proposal for the grant “150 trees for 150 years: Celebrating Petaluma’s Sesquicentennial” (Green Trees for the Golden State grant through the Urban & Community Forestry program – CA Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection). Norman and DeNicola met on 6/17 and Norman is continuing to work on pre-proposal and anticipates submittal by June 30th.

Next grant application will be for a Street Tree Inventory (An Urban Forest for Every City grant through the Urban & Community Forestry Program – CA Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection).

Noriel reported it is too late to apply for TOT funds for printing of the Tree Walking Guides Brochures. Norman suggested that this may be an opportunity to apply for a smaller grant. Noriel will look into printing costs and how/if to update the current document.

Wilson continuing Grants Calendar.

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

Norman submitted copies of gathered information to Parks and Rec. attn: Lanusse. Lofroos will work on formatting a table to best present summarized information gathered.

V. TAC Goals for Council Report (Norman) (Discussion/Action)

Norman has not had time to compile outline. Renee will review past years minutes and provide a summary. TAC discussed the option of a power point presentation.

IX. Arbor Day Celebration (Scaccalosi) (Discussion/Action)

The vandalized City Hall tree has not been replaced. The Kent Street 'Rebuilding Together' trees are still pending root grinding and sidewalk install. Norman reports that property owner continues to water trees in the containers. Scaccalosi will follow up with Carl Rebstock head of Rebuilding together.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

1. Lofroos relayed that newly planted Ginko at Wickersham needs staking. Council member Teresa Barrett has written a letter to City.
2. Renee reported that some waterbags are too tight around downtown trees and padlocks prevent loosening. Norman concurred she had heard this also from the tree watering service.
3. Norman will attend 6/21 seminar at Stanford "Regional Tree Demographics: Preservation & Retention."
4. Norman informed TAC that the proposal removal of 350 Lakeville eucalyptus tree is in the news again. Information was forwarded via email if any one is interested.
5. Renee reported that Council had discussed the number of official committee members. Outcome was unknown; Current TAC may be one less member. Renee and Scaccalosi both discussed withdrawing their applications if necessary,

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

STAFF REPORTS: none

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
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ADJOURNMENT:4:42 p.m.

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