

MINUTES
CITY OF PETALUMA, CA
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, March 21st, 2007- 3:30 PM
Conference Room No. 3 - Petaluma Community Center
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ROLL CALL:

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

Staff Present: Gabe Lanusse

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February, 2007
Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Update on General Plan (TAC) (Discussion/Action)
Norman reports that the Draft Plan 2025 – Compilation of comments and recommended edits: All City – appointed Commissions and Committees – concluding the public review process publication is available for review. Norman has reviewed and found the tree items are not as specific as hoped. Trees were under Historic Preservation and Parks and Recreation and nowhere as a separate goal.

II. Heritage Trees (Renee) (Discussion/Action)
Renee said talking to Phil Boyle for update on Heritage Tree list. Lanusse apologizes for last month regarding the Heritage Tree form. He had updated other forms, but not that one. Renee will update the form, and she is continuing to take photos of the Heritage trees. Norman tried to contact Brown Court residents regarding the Sycamores. Lanusse says those trees are being maintained by the homeowners because the parks crews have not done it since he has been with the City. Norman also says that the Heritage homes article has not come out yet.

III. Street Tree List Review (Norman/Reed) (Discussion/Action)
Norman did not meet with Reed to discuss list. However, if we eliminated all trees that had an allergy index above a five, a lot of trees would be eliminated. Including Oaks, Sycamores, and native species.



IV. Grants-Opportunities & Calendar (Wilson) (Discussion/Action)

Wilson listed grants, including ones from the U.K. **Noriel** said that the Parks and Recreation are pursuing some grants as well. **Norman** asks about the Releaf organization, specifically if it is Marin Releaf or California Releaf. **Noriel** said that **Ross Parkerson** knows about grants and would be a good source. **Norman** will contact **Glenn** at the California Dept. of Forestry regarding Urban Forest Grant.

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

Lanusse, when he receives TAC information, will compile tree surveys.

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

Lofroos drafted a proposed letter and handed it out. If trees cannot be saved, move trees to floodway limit line, or swale. **Lofroos** suggests to TAC to visit site. TAC trusts their judgment. **Norman** asks who is the letter directed to and what stage is the project at? **Norman** recommends trees be moved on site and that a TAC member can write a letter as a concerned citizen, who is also on the TAC. **Renee** moves to send letter to SPARC with edits, **Wilson** 2nd. Vote is 5 ayes, 1 abstain.

VII. TAC Goals for Council Report – June? (Norman) (Discussion/Action)

Norman would like to get input from the TAC regarding goals. Points brought up by members were: Simplify tree ordinance, update tree list to make it usable and promote allergy free trees, promote heritage tree applications, stronger presence on the web, more plantings and community outreach, would be nice to have some money, educate other city departments, do press releases, get information out regarding tree donations, guidelines are important and outreach too. A clean draft will be presented next meeting.

VIII. Arbor Day Celebration - (Discussion/Action)

Scaccalosi says that the keynote speaker will cost \$500 plus flight and meals. So this will not be an option. He contacted the director of Rebuilding Petaluma and we could either do one tree at City Hall or two street trees in front of someone's house. Rebuild is on the 21st of April, National Arbor Day is on the 27th. After some discussion, **Wilson** proposes doing the planting on April 21st at City Hall. It is 2nd by **Lofroos**. Ayes have it. **Lanusse** will meet with **Scaccalosi** to pick a spot in a better area than last year. **Wilson** wants a Red Maple planted. **Lanusse** will also request a proclamation.

IX. Tree Ordinance-Norman (Discussion/Action)

Norman said that there was nothing specific in the general plan.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Norman discusses Sunnyslope development currently in preliminary review process for completion of application. She was notified from a third party. **Lanusse** also handed **Norman** email from **DeNicola** regarding his reply. The TAC is not on the list to get information. According to blueprints, a lot of trees would be removed. The developer is looking at the property as a blank slate. Since the City does not provide TAC with information, members can comment as individuals who are on the tree committee to **Laura Lafler**, L.S.A. Associates in Richmond. Her contact information is Laura.Lafler@LSA-assoc.com. Comments are due March 23 regarding 674 Sunnyslope Road. **Norman** also suggests that **Lanusse** contact **Sandra Reed** at **Zac Landscape** regarding the downtown trees.



LIAISON REPORTS: Nothing

STAFF REPORT: Nothing

PENDING FUTURE ITEMS: Nothing

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

