

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF PETALUMA, CA**  
**TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, May 16th, 2007, 3:30 pm**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
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**Members Present:** Norman\*, Lofroos, Noriel , Renee, Wilson

**\*Chairperson**

**STAFF:** Gabe Lanusse

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 18<sup>th</sup> , 2007 approved

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Norman reports to her knowledge all public comment are still not closed, the General plan is not closed, but may occur Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of May, 2007.

**II. Tree Ordinance (TAC) (Discussion/Action)**

Norman proposes to move this item to pending. All approved.

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

Renee reports that the site is not yet current. CDD does not have updates. Lanusse will contact Kishineff in CDD regarding updates and supplying a binder. Lanusse presents two responses from Heritage tree applications. One would like her trees registered, which are street trees, and the other does not but clarifies the species.

**IV. (Norman/Reed) (Discussion/Action)**

No comments at this time. Move to Pending Future Items.\*\*

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

Wilson handed out list of Tree Grants. Norman met with DeNicola and John Melvin, the Regional Urban Forester. Releaf and Green Trees are similar Grants, but for different amounts. Proposition 84 will have to do with trees, but not tree planting. Norman says Melvin says our priority would be to inventory what we have first, then it would be easier to go after grants. Norman would like to pursue Green Trees for the Golden State with

the concept of 150 trees for Petaluma's Sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary). All concur it is a good idea and should be pursued.

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

Wilson submitted her information from the City of Novato. Norman will compile the rest and get the material to Lanusse for the next meeting.

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

Norman will present draft next month. She has focused on what the TAC is working on, what is next, and what there are working towards.

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

Lanusse reports that the tree planted at City Hall was vandalized and cut at the base. There will be a replacement tree soon. Last years' tree died as well. Two trees that were donated for rebuilding Petaluma have yet to be planted, and some coordination issues have arisen.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:**

Noriel reports that the tree brochures have dwindled down. It is on the web site. There may be TOT funds to publish new ones. Will need to update information and hire a graphic artist. Norman is curious about planting trees along Ellis creek trail. Trees may not be able to be planted due to restrictions. Tree committee terms will need to be renewed. Norman would like to change planting requirements to three stakes. Lanusse will pass this information along to DeNicola for approval.

**LIAISON REPORTS: none**

**STAFF REPORTS: Lanusse reports palm tree at Museum has been trimmed.**

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

1. 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
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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