

MINUTES
CITY OF PETALUMA, CA
TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, February 18th, 2009, 3:30 pm
CONFERENCE ROOM 3 - PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER
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Roll Call:

Members: Carothers, *Scacalosi, Sullivan, Wilson

***Chairperson**

Staff: Lanusse

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from January 2009 motioned, seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Street Tree List- Scacalosi reported that George White gave him an update on how the street tree list gets approved. It goes before the parks commission, once approved there, then it can be printed out and handed out to the different departments and then post it on the web. Norman sent a list out of recommendations regarding the categories. Scacalosi recommends going with her recommendations. Evergreen, deciduous, height, width, planter size, overhead wires, notable attributes and environmental needs, and allergy index.

II. Grants- Lanusse developed a monitoring check list and is having Scott Kirby, the other arborist on staff, conduct the first round to monitor the 183 trees. Normans' email mentioned many thanks go out to city staff for the first round of street tree monitoring. Norman has also been invited to do a presentation to the Petaluma garden group DIGS on Thurs March 5th 7pm at Garden Valley Ranch Nursery. She plans on showing the 150 Tree Power Point presentation as well as discuss current happenings with trees in Petaluma. Norman would like any other suggestions as well as welcome others to attend.

III. 150 Trees Grant- The state has frozen all funds, so the tree planting is stalled until the state passes the budget.

III. Update on Interim Tree Code- Normans' email reports, (as relayed by Anthony Mills member of DCAC): The Development Code Advisory Committee voted their

approval to include private trees as part of the Ordinance. This will mean some minor language changes to the current draft document. There was some discussion as to the challenge of including redwoods. The next step will be in late February/March the DC will go before City Council for vote and staff direction. Speakers in support during public comment would be welcome.

IV. TAC Goals for Council Report- Scaccolosi reviewed his presentation, and Lanusse will set up a date and time for his council report. He hopes to present along with Norman. Wilson notes that the goals do not need to be adopted by the TAC.

V. Heritage Trees- Lanusse will continue with McNear, Ugly Dog and Penry Park in a few months.

VI. Arbor Day- Scaccolosi was in contact with the Scout's Den mother who helped plant the trees a couple months back. They want to help again. March 7-14 is California arbor week. After some discussion, we will push it back to April and get a proclamation for 2009 Petaluma Arbor day.

VII. Tree Technical Manual- To be moved to item #5 next month.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Carothers has requested that the City of Petaluma identify a tree or trees that Bartlett could maintain for the City, along with placing a plaque under it. Lanusse said that he would let DeNicola know and they would come up with a list.

Wilson will look into the TOT.

Norman (through email) had been sent notice of the Public Hearing of the Planning Commission of the Proposed Sunnyslope II Subdivision – 674 Sunnyslope Road - Tuesday March 10th 7pm, Council Chambers. The project proposes 19 homes, average size 2,610 square feet, on 6.4 acres of the total 8.6 acre site. As described: “ The proposed project would require the removal of 32 trees, including twelve oaks identified as “protected trees” according to the City of Pet. Tree Preservation Ordinance (Zoning Implementation Ordinance Chapter 17). The applicant proposes to replace those protected trees to be removed at a one-to-one tree diameter ratio using both Coast Live Oaks and Valley Oaks.” ...Tanya may be able to add to this...has information regarding Sunnyslope Development. More to follow....

LIAISON REPORTS:

STAFF REPORTS: Lanusse reports that an Oak Tree fell at Oak Hill Park. Approximate age was 100+ years old.

PENDING FUTURE ITEMS:

1. Tree Brochures
2. Depot Palms
3. Sunnyslope Development- With Existing Trees

ADJOURNMENT: 16:40

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