

MINUTES

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, November 18, 2009

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Norman, Scaccalosi, Wilson,

Staff: DeNicola

Absent: Carothers, Lanusse

2. Approval of minutes: Approval of the October 21, 2009 minutes with one correction on Item 5D as follows:

“Committee Member Norman reports that the language in the documents are being updated and modified, per city management, to relate to current city organization:

1) Planning Department or CDD - change to Public Works Department, 2) Planning, CDD Director - change to Public Works Director, 3) City Arborist - change to Parks Manager. Continued changes are pending a subcommittee review and final proposal.”

Motion made by Committee Member Norman; seconded by Committee Member Wilson. The minutes were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on the City’s approved Street Tree list being completed. Staff Member Lanusse was absent, will discuss at next scheduled meeting.

B. Miscellaneous Tree Grant Applications and Deadlines. No change from last meeting.

C. Status on the Tree Grant for 150 Trees. Per Staff Member DeNicola the city is asking for an extension and beginning to plant trees.

D. Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance and Tree Technical Manual. No change from last meeting.

E. Discussion on Center Park Redwood Trees and there rapid decline. Committee Member Norman to attend Art Committee Meeting to discuss possible opportunities for art features utilizing tree remnants. i.e., carving sculpture of tree stump, benches or furniture of timber, etc. She will report back to TAC.

- F. Discuss tree topping education for citizens so they do not make trimming errors. Committee Member Norman to write/facilitate possible article to be included in Argus for homeowners.
 - G. TAC goals and review of accomplishments, drafted by Chairperson Scaccalosi, which is an annual update presented to City Council. Chairperson Scaccalosi presented outline to committee and will finalize to present to public works prior to scheduling presentation. PowerPoint is a possibility.
 - H. Update on the inventory, process and responsibilities associated with maintaining, monitoring and adding trees to the Heritage Tree List. Staff Member DeNicola informed TAC that Heritage Trees are approved by planning commission members.
 - I. Update regarding the design of the Sunnyslope housing development and how it relates to the mature trees that may be removed or moved on the site. Nothing new to discuss at this time.
 - J. Update on Bartlett Tree Service's adoption of Oak Hill Park's oak trees, i.e., what trees have been worked on, evaluation of trees at the site, and feedback from Bartlett and the community. Per Staff Member DeNicola, Bartlett will receive a plaque, he is arranging the details.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Heritage Homes want to incorporate Trees Tour with home tour. Committee agreed that Heritage Homes could potentially provide tree tour guides. Scaccalosi to attend heritage homes meeting to present information.
 - B. Liaison Status Report, a liaison from the Planning Commission will be determined soon.
 - C. New Chair and Committee Election, new elections for committee will be held in January when all members are present.
 - D. Appointments of TAC Members. Committee would like to get another Member at Large due to elimination of SPARC liaison. Chairperson Scaccalosi will present to council in conjunction with annual presentation.
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the December 16, 2009 meeting. Per the Committee, December's meeting has been cancelled and they will resume on January 20, 2010.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- A. Committee Member Reports: None
 - B. Liaison Reports: None
 - C. Staff Reports: None
9. ADJOURN 4:32pm