

# MINUTES

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## TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, September 16, 2009

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Committee: Carothers, Norman, \*Scacalosi, Wilson

\*Chairperson

Staff: DeNicola, Lanusse

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the July 15, 2009, minutes.

A motion was made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on the Cities Approved Street Tree List Being Completed

Staff Lanusse stated due to department cuts and injuries, all available staff have been in the field. They are waiting for some possible down time to continue working on the Street Tree List. The update will be deferred until the next meeting.

B. Miscellaneous Tree Grant Applications and Deadlines

Committee Member Wilson presented an updated schedule and the area around 6<sup>th</sup> and E street acquired a Cal Releaf Grant. The City will be sponsoring the planting of new trees in this area, on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which was a condition of the grant.

C. Status on the Tree Grant for 150 Trees

Chairperson Scacalosi reported that Arams Restaurant did not know about watering the Arbor Day tree. Lanusse said that he noticed previously that it was starting to dry out and he waters it once a week when he works downtown. Scott Kirby has almost finished inventory. Parks Division will plan to replace some trees in the winter, and plant the rest of the grant trees.

D. Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance

Chairperson Scacalosi met with staff, Ron DeNicola and Vince Marengo, Public Work Director. Language in documents are being updated and modified. A letter was sent to the City Manager's office by Committee Member Norman, Chairperson Scacalosi, George Bealer and Anthony Mills, regarding the status and funding of the Tree Preservation Ordinance and the Tree Technical Manual.

- E. Update on Tree Technical Manual (TTM)  
This is actually part of the Tree Preservation Ordinance, and is going to be reviewed along with the ordinance.
  - F. TAC Goals for City Council Report  
Chairperson Scaccalosi will provide Ron DeNicola with a draft to be reviewed. Chairperson Scaccalosi is available in October.
  - G. Heritage Trees Status  
The new Implementing Zoning Ordinance (IZO) does not seem to discuss this issue. The contracted Planning Department will have to review. It will most likely be deferred to the Public Works, Parks Manager.
  - H. Sunnyslope Development Progress  
There was a meeting held on August 11, 2009, but due to lack of a liaison there is no status of the Tree Preservation for the Sunnyslope Development.
  - I. Update on Bartlett Tree Service's Pruning of Oak Hill Park's Oak Trees  
Committee Member Carothers stated that work is still going on. Discussion by TAC for recognition for the many donated hours and work should be acknowledged. Ron DeNicola says that if Committee Member Carothers comes up with language for a sign, the Parks Division will pay for it and install. Ron DeNicola also asks about owl houses and if Bartlett could install them.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Heritage Homes wants to incorporate Trees Tour with Homes Tour  
Chairperson Scaccalosi contacted the President of the Heritage Homes, and has had no response yet.
  - B. Liaison Status Report  
Ron DeNicola reports that the Park and Recreation Commission will pick a liaison tonight.
  - C. New Chair Election
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the October 21, 2009 Agenda.  
A motion was made, and seconded, the agenda was approved.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- A. Committee Member reports - None
  - B. Liaison Reports - None
  - C. Staff Reports  
Ron DeNicola brings up the point that the TAC may want to consider talking to the Arts Commission, or Recreation Commission regarding Center Park's redwood tree. Committee Member Norman mentions that she met someone from Vallejo who mills wood. Another aspect is Hospice. Committee Member Norman will contact the Art Commission.
9. ADJOURN at 4:30pm