

# MINUTES

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## TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, April 21, 2010

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Carothers, Scacalosi, Wilson, Norman,  
Staff: Gabe Lanusse  
Absent: Ron DeNicola, Pierre (excused), DiStefano

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the February 17, 2010, minutes. Motioned by Carothers to be approved, and seconded by Wilson; approved. Approval of March 17, 2010, minutes. Motioned by Norman to be approved with corrections in Item C- Grant extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>, Item E- Option of creating public art is still in discussion and also to include correspondence from Jeff Tamagno, seconded by Wilson; approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. CORRESPONDENCE: None

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on City Approved Street Tree List being completed by City of Petaluma Park staff. Staff Member Lanusse will have draft forwarded to TAC members for review. Scacalosi to present report to Parks Commission tonight and will include this information.
- B. Discuss tree grant applications, deadlines and other information regarding the pursuit of monies to plant and maintain trees within the City of Petaluma. Francis to email Jenn Williams data regarding Grants, for Public Works to keep track of.
- C. Give update on the 150 Tree Grant regarding feedback from participants, City staff, and residents. Working on finalizing city's part of Grant. Grant deadline was extended from March 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010. Norman has sent out an email reminder to residents whom received trees from the grant to water. Also, there is one dead tree at Galland and Liberty; stakes need to be removed at Madison Street. One tree had been vandalized and replaced. There were 178 trees planted with 3 deaths. Of the box trees, a Blue Atlas Cedar at Del Oro needs to be checked. There are 35 trees left to be planted. There will be left-over money; will request from State (CDF), permission to keep and/or apply the extra

money for more trees. Approximately, \$5,400 for water bags may be transferable and \$2,000 left for soil spading. We will ask Staff Member Lanusse to determine remaining funds.

- D. Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance and Tree Technical Manual. Subcommittee has no report.
  - E. Discuss Center Park's north Redwood Tree status, since it is in the state of decline. Norman has not heard back from Public Art Commission. They are interested but need to see if it fits. Ideas were discussed regarding awareness and fund raising for that tree as well as all trees. Having people climb into it with rigging and other ideas for awareness were mentioned.
  - F. Discuss tree topping education for citizens and homeowners, so that they do not make that trimming error. Norman is willing to write an article if the City puts up posters.
  - G. Heritage Tree List update on the inventory, process and responsibilities associated with maintaining, monitoring and adding trees. Continued to next meeting, need to find out which department maintains it.
  - H. 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. No updates at this time.
  - I. 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 community. An owl box was installed in the park without staff's knowledge.
  - J. Discussion on Heritage Homes wanting to incorporate Trees Tour with Homes Tour. There will be a presentation in May from Staff Member DeNicola. TAC member reported that the Vice President from Heritage Homes said meetings are not big turn outs, so recommended to TAC about having a mixer.
  - K. Arbor Day Planting update. Three Oak trees will be planted on Earth Day, April 1st, 5:00 pm at Oak Hill Park.
  - L. Discussion of how TAC will/can be involved with reviewing impacts of development(s) in regards to trees. Pierre (who was absent) said we can review plans at City Hall for Quarry Heights, and Target project. Question came up if Staff Member DeNicola can bring in blue prints for review. Anchor doggy use to do that. Also if staff could bring in blueprints of projects that are relevant, or do a presentation updating TAC.
  - M. Discussion on liaison for Tree Advisory Committee. Traci DiStefano has joined the committee as a new member. But, now cannot due to time conflicts. Discussion about day and time of meeting will be reviewed.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Discussion of the removal of trees along Highway 101. Staff Member Lanusse will be looking into Petaluma's plan and bring more information to the Committee at the May meeting.
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the May 19, 2010, agenda. Agenda approved.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A. Committee Member Reports -None
  - B. Liaison Reports - None
  - C. Staff Reports - None

9. ADJOURN 5:07pm