

# MINUTES

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## TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, February 17, 2010

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Carothers, Scacalosi, Wilson,  
Staff: Ron DeNicola, Gabe Lanusse  
Absent: Norman, Pierre

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the January 10, 2010, minutes with corrections as noted: Item E-Add "a sub-committee will be created regarding the direction of what to do with the trees." Item I- "Pierre explains the Planning Commission recommended not approving the project; there were many different issues in regards to why the project was not recommended to City Council for approval. The impact on mature trees was recognized as one of the issues." Motion made by Wilson, seconded by Carothers

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 is currently working on completing the list.
- B. Discuss tree grant applications, deadlines and other information regarding the pursuit of monies to plant and maintain trees within the City of Petaluma. Parks Manager Ron DeNicola is maintaining a list of possible citizen/candidates seeking out grants for tree planting in the neighborhoods. There are no new grant opportunities at this time.
- C. Give update on the 150 Tree Grant regarding feedback from participants, City staff, and residents. Need to discuss requirements from the State regarding fulfilling needs of the Grant. The State has given the city of Petaluma an extension to fulfill the planting of trees dedicated for public spaces. Staff Member DeNicola reports that we cannot plant anymore Crape Myrtles and the trees we do plant need to have large canopies and/or provide shade.
- D. Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance and Tree Technical Manual. Subcommittee has been formed to discuss how possible changes can be implemented into the General Plan, at this time they have not met yet.

- E. Discuss Center Park Redwood Tree status, since it is in the state of rapid decline. Committee Member Norman will provide any updates in March when she is present.
- F. Discuss tree topping education for citizens and homeowners, so that they do not make that trimming error. Staff Member Gann will be here to discuss at next month's meeting.
- G. Discuss TAC goals and review of accomplishments, drafted by Chairperson Scacalosi, which is an annual update presented to Parks Commission. The presentation is scheduled for the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- H. Update on the inventory, process and responsibilities associated with maintaining, monitoring and adding trees to the Heritage Tree List. Staff Member DeNicola to update committee on any new development or process at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- I. Update(s) regarding the design of the Sunnyslope housing development and how it relates to impacts on mature trees that may be removed or moved on the site. Nothing new on this item, Committee Member Pierre will update the committee as the project continues through the approval process.
- 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 community. Bartlett continues to work in Oak Hill Park. Committee Member Carothers mentioned that two mature trees are in rapid decline, city staff is aware of them.
- K. Discussion on Heritage Homes wanting to incorporate Trees Tour with Homes Tour. Chairperson Scacalosi is tentatively scheduled to make presentation to heritage homes in May.
- L. Discussion on liaison for Tree Advisory Committee. Resolution has been adopted by City Council to have another TAC member from the community. Committee will follow up discussion at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Arbor Day Planting to be arranged with Cub scouts again this year. Chairperson Scacalosi will arrange the planting date with den leader(s) and get back to the committee. Staff Member Lanusse will obtain the proclamation and assist where necessary.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the March 17, 2010, agenda.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

9. ADJOURN: 4:20 p.m.