

MINUTES

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, January 20, 2010

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Carothers, Norman, Scacalosi, Wilson, Pierre

Staff: Lanusse

Absent: DeNicola

2. Approval of minutes: Approval of the November 18, 2009, minutes. Motion made and seconded; minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Morgenstern had questions regarding watering trees such as Crape Myrtles, and Oak trees. Also, wondered what TAC does, and how often they meet.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence; Jennifer Pierre was introduced as the new Planning Commission Liaison to the committee.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on the City's approved Street Tree list being completed. Currently, Support Staff Liaison Williams is assisting Staff Member Lanusse in transferring the tree list to an e-format.

B. Miscellaneous Tree Grant Applications and Deadlines. Deadline for 150 tree grant is March 31st. Committee Member Wilson explains the expanded grant list and deadlines. Lisa Bermeo contacted the committee and is interested in obtaining a tree grant to include fruit trees as street trees.

C. Status on the Tree Grant for 150 Trees. On Thursday February 4th at 9:30am there will be a tree planting at the Junior High, funded by Infineon Raceway.

D. Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance and Tree Technical Manual. Chairperson Scacalosi and Committee Member Norman have created a sub-committee and will be working on future dealings of the ordinance and manual.

E. Discussion on Center Park Redwood Trees and there rapid decline. Committee Member Norman attended the Public Art Commission Meeting regarding the Center Park Redwood Tree in November and December. They would like development funds to be used. Timelines are an issue and process is being determined.

- F. Discuss tree topping education for citizens so they do not make trimming errors. Committee Member Norman discussed tree topping education and the history of City of Vallejo's past project.
 - G. TAC goals and review of accomplishments, drafted by Chairperson Scaccalosi, which is an annual update presented to City Council. Chairperson Scaccalosi has planned an outline for his presentation to Council. Staff Member Lanusse will schedule the Council presentation.
 - H. Update on the inventory, process and responsibilities associated with maintaining, monitoring and adding trees to the Heritage Tree List. Staff Member DeNicola is working on clearing up the process; once done the list will become larger.
 - 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. Committee Member 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.
 - 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. Sign was installed acknowledging work being done by Bartlett Tree Service at Oak Hill Park. Committee Member Carothers needs to meet with Staff Member DeNicola regarding a couple of trees that have issues.
 - K. Discussion on Heritage Homes wanting to incorporate Trees Tour with Homes Tour. Chairperson Scaccalosi will do a presentation to Heritage Homes.
 - L. Discussion on liaison for Tree Advisory Committee. The committee is in need of a Recreation, Music and Parks Commission Liaison.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. New Chair and Committee Election. Chairperson Scaccalosi said he can continue as Chair. Committee Member Wilson said that this is her last year. Committee Member Norman nominated Scaccalosi for Chair; Pierre seconded it and Scaccalosi will remain as chairperson.
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the February 17, 2010 meeting with changes of removing Item M under old business and adding Arbor Day Planting under new business.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- A. Committee Member Reports: Addresses and phone numbers need to be updated, along with Jennifer Pierre being added to the distribution list. Regency project will have to design parking lot to incorporate 50 percent shading. Sunset line and Twine is also under review, and part of the park will be taken up.
 - B. Liaison Reports: None
 - C. Staff Reports: None
9. ADJOURN 5:05pm