

# MINUTES

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## TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, March 17, 2010

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Scacalosi, Wilson, Norman, Pierre

Staff: Ron DeNicola

Absent: Carothers, Gabe Lanusse

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the February 17, 2010, minutes. Approval of minutes postponed to April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, due to lack of quorum.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

William Morgenstem, 292 Cambridge Lane - Is interested in seeing the new Street Tree List. Mr. Morgenstem commented that he would like to see the Tree Advisory Committee in a position to review tree selections for the Regency project. He also would like to promote non-fruit trees as street trees: fruit and attracted birds will litter cars.

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 was absent, will continue this item to the next scheduled meeting.

B. Discuss tree grant applications, deadlines and other information regarding the pursuit of monies to plant and maintain trees within the City of Petaluma. Committee has 3 requests for information and participation in the tree planting projects. Matching of grants or opportunities with interested neighborhoods or parties. Perhaps Committee Member DiStefano would be interested, tabled to next meeting to see who in the committee could take this on.

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. Grant deadline was extended from March 31, 2010 to June 30, 2010. 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. Need to figure out where additional trees may be planted. Committee Member Norman to send out reminder to groups about watering requirements.

- D. Update on Tree Preservation Ordinance and Tree Technical Manual. Discuss how possible changes can be implemented into the General Plan. Subcommittee has not yet met, will continue this item to the next scheduled meeting.
- E. Discuss Center Park Redwood Tree status, since it is in the state of rapid decline. Option of creating public art is still in discussion. Jeff Tamagno offered, (see attached email) free milling services of dying Redwoods. Wood could be used for Livery Stable or other project.
- F. Discuss tree topping education for citizens and homeowners, so that they do not make that trimming error. There is talk of a potential article that needs to be written; more discussion of this topic at next meeting, on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- G. Discuss TAC goals and review of accomplishments, drafted by Chairperson Scaccalosi, which is an annual update presented to City Council. Need to schedule a date and time for presentation. The presentation is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- H. Update on the inventory, process and responsibilities associated with maintaining, monitoring and adding trees to the Heritage Tree List. No updates at this time.
- 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. No updates 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 community. A plaque is now up in the park.
- K. Discussion on Heritage Homes wanting to incorporate Trees Tour with Homes Tour. There will be a presentation in May from Staff Member DeNicola.
- L. Discussion on liaison for Tree Advisory Committee. Traci DiStefano has joined the committee as a new member.
- M. Arbor Day Planting update. Three Oak trees will be planted on Earth Day, April 21, 5:00 pm at Oak Hill Park.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of how TAC will/can be involved with reviewing impacts of development(s) in regards to trees. Staff Member DeNicola or Williams to let committee know when plans are available. Committee can review at Planning counter and/or Staff Member DeNicola can provide.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the April 21, 2010, agenda. Agenda approved with the following changes: Item 6A to be moved up to Old Business and add 101 tree removal to agenda, new business.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Committee Member Reports - Potential problems with Oak tree at museum (in deck), minimal air circulation. Discussion of 101 tree removal to be added to agenda, new business. English/Western trees planted.
- B. Liaison Reports - None
- C. Staff Reports - None

9. ADJOURN 4:34 pm