

MINUTES

TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



Wednesday, May 19, 2010

3:30 P.M.

Petaluma Community Center

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1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Carothers, Scacalosi, Norman, Pierre

Staff: DeNicola, Lanusse

Absent: Wilson (excused)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the April 21, 2010, minutes. TAC members did not receive minutes to review, delayed until next meeting.

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. TAC members received draft for review. Committee Member Norman will work on finished version.

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 Member Wilson was absent, no update.

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. Committee Member Norman reads aloud update with problem trees. There is one dead tree at Galland and Keokuk, stakes need to be removed at Madison and Edith, Dead tree on Kentucky between Oak and Kent, one on Vallejo, and one tree on Fair and English might be dead.

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. Recreational tree climbing was discussed to get people into trees. A hazardous tree evaluation may be required. John Meserve's name was suggested. Further research required. Discussion still stands with public art option.

- F. News article on tree topping education for citizens and homeowners, so that they do not make that trimming error. Committee Member Norman contacted the Argus and they are interested in an article. Committee Member Norman needs a response from Staff Member DeNicola regarding putting up posters. Committee Member Carothers would assist with the writing article.
 - 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. On June 7th, there will be a review going to Council. Implementation of Zoning ordinance. This will be 1st project for the Tree Preservation Ordinance.
 - 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. Committee Member Carothers reports that their donation of time and resources will end next month. Some trees need to be examined by Staff Member DeNicola. There is a concern about with Scotch Broom along the neighbor's driveway, which will become a big problem in a few years, if not addressed.
 - J. Discussion on Heritage Homes wanting to incorporate Trees Tour with Homes Tour. Chair Scaccalosi has been invited to a mixer with the group, he will report back.
 - K. Discussion of how TAC will/can be involved with reviewing impacts of development(s) in regards to trees. It was requested by the committee that this item be removed from agenda.
 - L. Discussion on liaison for Tree Advisory Committee. Chair Scaccalosi asks if current TAC want to change time and date of meetings. Present members decided not to.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Discussion and Recommendations for Petaluma blvd South landscaping Improvements at the Quarry Heights Subdivision. There was a presentation regarding the choice of trees and design of the roundabout and street medians. TAC members were given design plans, and planting plans regarding tree choices for the development. Representatives from the developer, City of Petaluma Public Works Department, and Quadriga (the landscape architecture firm), were in attendance to give background information and answer questions. After discussion of size of roundabout, underground utilities, width of street, retaining walls, property lines, design of roundabout, placement of trees, line of sight, traffic flow, canopy size, and water requirements, tree species were brought up. A sub-committee was formed to give a response to the developer regarding tree species selection. It included Committee Member Norman, Chair Scaccalosi, and Committee Member Carothers.
7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of the June 16, 2010, agenda. Agenda approved.

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

9. ADJOURN 5:07pm