

PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES

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**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Thursday November 19, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Laura Westrup-Chair, Dan Nagle-Vice Chair, David Robinson, Marijane Osborn, Mike Ozonoff, G. Rooks, H. Rooks, Rainbow Vogt-Alternate

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager

Opening Statement

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Welcome to the monthly meeting of the City of Davis' Tree Commission.

Members of the Tree Commission are all volunteers and appointed by the Davis City Council.

The Tree Commission provides leadership and guidance to the Urban Forest Manager and to the City Council regarding tree removal and replacement requests.

The Tree Commission provides for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of Davis' urban forest. The Tree Commission is charged to recommend the removal of a City tree on a case by case basis for the following reasons:

- Poor health, identifiable diseases, exceedingly slow growth, large scale limb failure and decay;
- Potential for hazardous conditions that are caused by the street tree and cannot be mitigated without the removal of the tree.

The Tree Commission does not have the authority to recommend the removal of a City Tree for its debris, such as leaves, fruit, nuts, pollen, pine cones, needles, etc., nor does it have the authority to recommend the removal of a tree for its potential as an allergen. or for solar collector installation per Municipal Code Section 40.38.00. The Tree Commission does not have the authority to remove a tree if it is healthy.

All Tree Commission decisions can be appealed to the City Council for their consideration.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by H. Rooks, seconded by Osborn with the corrections to the first tree in the Street Removal Request from 1820 Impala to 1820 Imperial and in the Informational Trees heading to read: The following trees instead of No trees.

Approved: 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of October 15, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ozonoff, seconded by G. Rooks

Approved: 5-0 2 abstentions

Commissioner and Staff Comments

Storm clean up almost completed and safety removals will continue to be removed by West Coast Arborist.

Dan Nagle submitted a letter of resignation from the Tree Commission as he will be moving out of state.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

New Business:

A. Street Tree Removal Requests were discussed with the following actions taken:

Location

1. 1820 IMPERIAL AVENUE

Tree Species

Bradford Pear

Moved by: Nagle

Seconded by: Robinson

Motion: Due to the structural damage, remove the tree. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 7-0

2. 2204 LA MESA COURT

Aristocrat Pear

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Rooks, H
Motion: Due to the structural defects in the main trunk, remove the tree. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 7-0

3. 629 DEL ORO PLACE

Shademaster Honey Locust

Moved by: Rooks, G
Seconded by: Nagle
Motion: Due to the extensive mistletoe, remove the tree. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 7-0

4. 710 KESTREL PLACE

Texas Umbrella Tree

Moved by: Nagle
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to the girdling root that is rendering the tree unstable. Plant a replacement tree. The replacement tree should be located in another area of the lot.

Motion Passed: 7-0

5. 1819 TAHOE PLACE

Aristocrat Pear (2)

Moved by: Ozonoff
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to continuing limb failures and structural defects in the tree. Replant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 7-0

6. 1825 TAHOE PLACE

Aristocrat Pear (2)

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Nagle
Motion: Remove the tree due to continuing limb failures and structural defects in the main stem. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-1; H. Rooks nay

7. 1831 TAHOE PLACE

Flowering Pear (2)

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Due to the poor structure and continued limb failures, remove and replace the trees.

Motion Passed: 5-1 H. Rooks-nay, G. Rooks-abstained

8. 1624 TAMARACK LANE

River She Oak

Moved by: Rooks, G
Seconded by: Robinson
Motion: Retain the tree as it is good health and evaluate the possibility for root pruning near the sewer line. Prune limbs near the house for clearance.

Motion Passed: 7-0

9. 805 SAN RAFAEL STREET

Bradford Pear

Moved by: Ozonoff
Seconded by: Rooks, G
Motion: Due to the structural defects, remove the tree. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 7-0

B. Informational Only-

Trees removed prior to the Commission meeting due to hazardous or unsafe conditions:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Reason</u>
140 B Street	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
236 B Street	Chinese Pistache	Storm failure
300 E Street	Chinese Pistache	Storm failure
1220 Spruce Lane	Chinese Pistache	Storm failure
1900 Imperial Avenue	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
2721 Prado Lane	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
2757 Belmont Drive	Texas Umbrella Tree	Storm failure
1928 Alicante Street	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
3721 Arroyo Avenue	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
3727 Arroyo Avenue	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
2148 Whistler Court	Aristocrat Pear	Storm failure
2357 Roualt	Purple Robe Locust	Storm failure

C. Neighborwoods Tree Planting Program update

To date 74 trees have been planted in the South Davis and Wildhorse neighborhoods. Two more plantings are scheduled for December in the Redwood Lane and Oeste Manor neighborhoods.

TREE Davis is also working with the City's IPM Coordinator to apply mulch around the base of young trees in some parks to reduce the amount of pesticides applied near the base of the trees.

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- 1) Landmark Orange tree grove at 604 2nd Street
- 2) Landmark Tree designation and protection
- 3) Commission Vice Chair nominations and vote

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Next meeting: December 17, 2009

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