

PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES

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**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Thursday December 18, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Laura Westrup-Chair, David Robinson, George Rooks, Marijane Osborn, Hila Rooks, Mike Ozonoff

Commissioners Absent: Dan Nagle-Vice Chair excused

Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Don Saylor

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager

Opening Statement

The Commission Chair read the following opening statement regarding the charge of the Tree Commission.

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

The Tree Commission members are all volunteers and are appointed by the Davis City Council.

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

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, disease, exceedingly slow growth, large scale limb failure and decay.
- The Commission also considers 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 tree litter (leaves, needles, pine cones, etc.).

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 Robinson, seconded by H. Rooks.

Approved: 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of November 20, 2008

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

Approved: 7-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments

Staff updated the Commission on the Neighborwoods tree planting.

Mayor Pro Tem Don Saylor updated the Commission on the Landmark Tree Designation for the Orange tree grove located at 604 2nd Street and the impact of the Mishka's café project and the possible removal of some of those trees.

Saylor also mentioned the Amgen bike race that will start in Davis this year.

Public Comments

Ruth Williams from TREE Davis made comments on the Neighborwoods and an update for TREE Davis. She also updated the Commission on the PG&E shade tree program which distributed approximately 150 shade trees for private residences.

TREE Davis also has applied for Grant money for tree planting in Davis and Yolo County.

New Business:

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

Location

1. 658 LESSLEY PLACE

Moved by: Osborn

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Remove and replace due to structural defects and declining health.

Motion Passed: 6-0

Tree Species

Modesto Ash

2. 2762 BELMONT DRIVE

Texas Umbrella Tree

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Remove the tree due to structural defects and replace.

Motion Passed: 6-0

3. 2712 GANGES PLACE

Bradford Pear

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Remove and replace due to structural defects.

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. 265 BAJA AVENUE

Texas Umbrella Tree

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Ozonoff

Motion: Retain the tree due to good health and structure.

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. 437 CITADEL DRIVE

European Hackberry

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Rooks, G

Motion: Retain the tree and root prune during the driveway repairs.

Motion Passed: 5-0

6. 1010 BIENVILLE STREET

Moraine Ash

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Ozonoff

Motion: Remove and replace due to the mistletoe and declining health.

Motion Passed: 6-0

7. 1010 BIENVILLE STREET

Moraine Ash

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Ozonoff

Motion: Remove and replace due to declining health and mistletoe infestation.

Motion Passed: 6-0

8. 2930 PONTEVERDE LANE

Bloodgood Sycamore

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Robinson

Motion: Retain the tree as it is in good health. Roots will be monitored.

Motion Passed: 6-0

B. Informational Only-

1. Street Tree Removals

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Reason</u>
671 Bianco Court	River She Oak	Splitting trunk-hazard
1039 Miller Drive	Modesto Ash	Splitting trunk-hazard

C. Tree Commission goals for 2009

- 1) Neighborwoods tree plantings with Commission involvement
- 2) Addition of one more city tour for the Tree Commission to make two tours for the year.
- 3) Retain the Tree City USA and Growth Award certifications
- 4) Joint meeting with adjacent jurisdiction
- 5) Tree Planting, Preservation and Protection ordinance update

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- 1) Tree Ordinance update
- 2) Election of Officers

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next meeting: January 19, 2009

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