

**PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES**

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**Tree Commission Minutes  
Davis Police Department  
2600 Fifth Street  
Thursday January 15, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager

**Opening Statement**

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

**Opening Statement**

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.

### **Swearing in of Alternate Tree Commissioner**

Alternate Commissioner was not sworn in as she did not attend the meeting.

### **Election of New Officers**

G. Rooks nominated to reelect L Westrup as Commission Chair and D. Nagle as Commission Vice-Chair.

Approved: 6-0

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by H. Rooks, seconded by G Rooks with the addition of a Street Tree Removal Request of a Honey Locust at 1224 Beech due to an emergency sewer line replacement.

Approved: 6-0

### **Approval of Minutes: Meeting of December 18, 2008**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by M. Ozonoff, seconded by M Osborn with the correction to the next meeting date to 2009 and removal of the word "in" in the first paragraph of the Public Comments section.

Approved: 6-0

### **Commissioner and Staff Comments**

Westrup brought up the selection of dates for the additional tree tour for the Commission. April or May will be tentative

Staff brought up the possibility of partnering with UCD for Arbor Day as they are being certified as a Tree Campus USA.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made at the meeting.

**New Business:**

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

**Location**

**Tree Species**

**1. 2112 HUMBOLDT AVENUE**

**Aristocrat Pear**

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Remove the tree and replant replacement tree to the west of current tree location.

Motion Passed: 6-0

**2. 2102 RENOIR AVENUE**

**Black Walnut**

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Retain the tree, prune out the mistletoe and remove the branch extending over the house.

Motion Passed: 6-0

**3. 1316 ASPEN PLACE**

**Chinese Pistache**

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Nagle

Motion: Remove and replace the tree due to decay in the main stem.

Motion Passed: 6-0

**4. 3130 LILLARD DRIVE**

**Shamel Ash**

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Retain the tree and prune the roots affecting the front sidewalk.

Motion Passed: 6-0

**5. 3022 BRYANT PLACE**

**Italian Alder**

Moved by: Nagle

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Remove the tree due to poor health and replant further to east.

Motion Passed: 5-1, G. Rooks nay

**6. 1224 BEECH LANE**

**Moraine Honey Locust**

Moved by: Nagle

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Remove the tree due to its placement over the sewer connection and the amount of root loss necessary for sewer line replacement. Replace the tree.

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>
633 J Street	Chinese Hackberry	Root fungus disease
1039 Miller Drive	Modesto Ash	Multiple splits in trunk

**C. Tree Ordinance update review**

The Commission made minor grammatical changes to the Ordinance Section update and asked Staff to rewrite to clarify the process for Street Tree Removal Requests.

**D. Opening Statement update review**

The Commission made minor changes to the opening statement read before the Tree Commission meetings. The Commission added some clarification about the definition of debris from a tree, and added the word enhancement to the items provided to the urban forest by the Tree Commission.

**Agenda Topics for next Meeting**

- 1) Schedule Spring tree tour
- 2) Swearing-in of new Alternate Tree Commissioner

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

**Next meeting:** February 19, 2009

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