

PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES

23 Russell Boulevard – Davis, California 95616
530/757-5656 - FAX: 530/297-5410 – TDD: 530/757-5666



**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Thursday April 15, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Laura Westrup-Chair, Mike Ozonoff-Vice Chair, David Robinson,
George Rooks, Hila Rooks, Rainbow Vogt

Commissioners absent: Marijane Osborn

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager

Opening Statement

Opening Statement

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 Ozonoff

Approved: 5-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of March 18, 2010

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

Approved: 5-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments

Staff invited the Tree Commission to the Arbor Day Ceremony on May 2, 2010 at the UC Davis Arboretum. The City is celebrating with UC Davis at Oak Discovery Day in the Shields Oak Grove from 1-4 pm. The Arbor Day ceremony will be at 1:30 pm.

Public Comments

New Business:

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

Location

Tree Species

No street tree removal requests were reviewed at this meeting.

B. Informational Only-

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

Location

Tree

Reason

44 College Park

Modesto Ash

Trunk decay

310 E Street-parking lot

Aristocrat Pear

Dead tree

Cowell at Pelz bike path

Italian Stone Pine

Uprooted tree

C. Tree Commission Tour of the Community Forest

The Commission toured the following areas of the city:

Oeste Manor neighborhood-Japanese Pagoda replanting project

Davis Manor neighborhood-proposed Modesto Ash replacement project area

Mace Ranch neighborhood-Neighborwoods tree planting area.

Wildhorse-Neighborwoods tree planting areas.

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Next meeting: May 20, 2010

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for alternative agenda document formats, meeting assisted listening devices or other considerations should be made through Rob Cain by calling (530) 757-5656 extension 7326 (voice) or 757-5666 (TDD). Davis, CA 95616 as soon as possible, and preferably at least 24 hours prior to the meeting