

**PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES**

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**Tree Commission Minutes  
Davis Police Department  
2600 Fifth Street  
Thursday May 21, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Approved: 7-0

### **Approval of Minutes: Meeting of April 16, 2009**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Robinson, seconded by Ozonoff with the correction that Commissioner Nagle was absent and add (s) to areas under the tour discussion.

Approved: 6-0 with Nagle abstaining

### **Commissioner and Staff Comments**

Staff updated the Commissioners on the Appeal to City Council for the tree at 960 Zaragoza. The Council upheld the decision of the Tree Commission to retain the tree on a 3-2 vote. The resident will work the tree into the new landscaping.

Westrup asked about the Arbor Day ceremony.

Robinson mentioned the Artis Tree function put on by TREE Davis. The event is Thursday 5-28 at 6:00.

Robinson mentioned the Union Pacific lawsuit and asked what settlement had been reached.

Robinson also asked about the Davis Manor and removal and replacements of the Ash trees that have replacement trees planted underneath.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

### **New Business:**

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>
1. 849 BURR STREET	'Kwanzan' Flower. Cherry

Moved by: Osborn

Seconded by: Ozonoff

Motion: Remove the tree due to its declining condition. Replant with a replacement.

Motion Passed: 6-1, G. Rooks nay

**2. 430 10TH STREET**

**Chinese Hackberry**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Remove due to the decay in the main stem wound. Replant with a replacement.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**3. 1149 ALICE STREET**

**Italian Alder**

Moved by: Nagle

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Remove the tree due to its declining condition. Replant with a replacement.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**4. 123 EL CAJON AVENUE**

**Atlas Mountain Cedar**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Remove the tree due to declining health and stem decay. Retain for the summer shade and monitor through the summer for safety purposes.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**5. 1316 MADRONE PLACE**

**Modesto Ash**

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Nagle

Motion: Remove due to the decay in the tree. Replant with a replacement.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**6. 1624 LA HABRA COURT**

**Texas Umbrella Tree**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Rooks, G

Motion: Retain the tree as the fruit mess can be cleaned to reduce slipping problems.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**7. 655 PORTSMOUTH AVENUE**

**Honey Locust**

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Nagle

Motion: Remove the tree due to the amount of dead and dying branches and the amount of mistletoe in the canopy. Replant a replacement.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**8. 615 HERMOSA PLACE**

**Bradford Pear**

Moved by: Osborn

Seconded by: Nagle

Motion: Remove due to the large amount of decay in the trunk. Replant with a replacement.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**9. 7 SIMMONS WAY**

**Chinese Hackberry**

Moved by: Nagle

Seconded by: Rooks, G

Motion: Remove due to the declining and hazardous condition of the tree. Replant tree with a replacement.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**10. 1216 COLBY DRIVE**

**Shamel Ash**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Vogt

Motion: Retain the tree and root prune near the sidewalk as possible and needed.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**11. 910 PAMPLONA AVENUE**

**River She Oak**

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Retain the tree as it is in good health and structure.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**12. 3003 CATALINA DRIVE**

**Aleppo Pine**

Moved by: Osborn

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Retain and prune the trees to remove the interior dead branches.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**13. 3003 CATALINA DRIVE**

**Aleppo Pine**

Moved by: Osborn

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Retain and prune the trees to remove the interior dead branches.

Motion Passed: 7-0

**14. 619 M STREET**

**Modesto Ash**

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Nagle

Motion: Remove the tree due to decay in the main stem and limbs. Replant with a replacement.

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>
Arlington Blvd at West Pond	Cork Oak	Dead tree
5th Street-Mace Ranch area	Golden Rain Tree	Dead tree
5 <sup>th</sup> Street-Mace Ranch area	Aristocrat Pear	Dead tree
Alhambra at Conquistador	Aristocrat Pear	Dead tree
E. Covell Blvd.	Aristocrat Pear	Dead tree

**C. 604 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Landmark Tree Grove**

The Commission will write a letter to the Council regarding the removal of the trees. Invite the Council Liaison to the June meeting to discuss issue.

**Agenda Topics for next Meeting**

- 1) Appeal process
- 2) Council Liaison meeting.

**Adjournment**

**Next meeting:** June 18, 2009

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