

PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES

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**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Thursday May 20, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Laura Westrup-Chair, Mike Ozonoff-Vice Chair, David Robinson, Marijane Osborn

Commissioners absent: Rainbow Vogt, Hila and George Rooks-excused

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 Ozonoff, seconded by Robinson

Approved: 4-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of April 15, 2010

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Robinson, seconded by Osborn

Approved: 4-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments

Staff commented to the Tree Commission on the Arbor Day Ceremony on May 2, 2010 at the UC Davis Arboretum. The City celebrated with UC Davis at Oak Discovery Day in the Shields Oak Grove from 1-4 pm. The Arbor Day ceremony was well attended and the event had a good turn out of participants. A cooperative Arbor Day celebration will continue to be looked at for future Arbor Days.

Staff updated the Commission on the Stonegate bike path project and the proceeding of the May 18, 2010 City Council meeting. The Council moved to remove the section of path on Lake Blvd. in the Sunset Villas area for more public input and path configurations to lessen the impact on the trees, so that the trees have the possibility to be retained.

Public Comments

New Business:

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>
1. 3303 OYSTER BAY AVENUE	Bradford Pear

Moved by:	Robinson
Seconded by:	Ozonoff
Motion:	Remove the tree due to the extensive mistletoe and structural defects. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 4-0

2. 1004 BIENVILLE STREET Moraine Ash

Moved by: Ozonoff
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to the poor health and structure of the tree. Replant two replacement trees on the Eel Avenue side of the lot.

Motion Passed: 4-0

3. 1205 L STREET River She Oak

Moved by: Ozonoff
Seconded by: Robinson
Motion: The tree is healthy and needs to have a report from the resident on the residential sewer line's condition. This item has been tabled until the report is submitted.

Motion Passed: 4-0

4. 1908 PENNY PLACE Modesto Ash

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to poor health and decay in the main limbs. Plant a replacement tree. Evaluate the rest of the trees in the cul-de-sac for health and structure.

Motion Passed: 4-0

5. 404 CABRILLO AVENUE White Birch

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to the poor and declining health of the tree. Replant with two replacement trees on the lot.

Motion Passed: 4-0

6. 322 11TH STREET

Chinese Hackberry

Moved by: Ozonoff
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Retain the tree and plant two replacement trees on the lot. Once the replacements are established the Hackberry may be removed due to poor health.

Motion Passed: 4-0

7. 1119 COLBY DRIVE

Mayten Tree

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to the extensive decay in the tree. Plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 4-0

8. 831 OESTE DRIVE

Japanese Pagoda Tree

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Ozonoff
Motion: Remove the tree due to the numerous structural defects in the tree. Plant a replacement Frontier Elm as the resident has requested.

Motion Passed: 4-0

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>
729 Bianco Court	Moraine Ash	Root problems
731 K Street	Modesto Ash	Split trunk

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- 1) Tree replacement species selection
- 2) Stonegate bike path design update

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Next meeting: June 17, 2010

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