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**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Thursday June 17, 2010
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Laura Westrup-Chair, Mike Ozonoff-Vice Chair, David Robinson,
George Rooks, Hila Rooks, Marc Rubald-Alternate

Commissioners Absent: Marijane Osborn, Rainbow Vogt

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 Robinson, seconded by H. Rooks, with the correction of the next meeting date.

Approved: 5-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of May 20, 2010

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

Approved: 5-0

Swearing in of Alternate Tree Commissioner

Marc Rubald was sworn in as the alternate to the Tree Commission

Commissioner and Staff Comments

George and Hila Rooks inquired about taking leave of absence until December as they will be out of the country.

Staff updated the Commission on the Stonegate bike path redesign. Different options for the redesign of the path are being evaluated by Public Works engineers. The tree impacts will be evaluated as the design options are finalized.

Staff updated the Commission on the tree damage from the recent wind storm event. Two tree failures and numerous large limb failures occurred during the wind storm.

Public Comments

New Business:

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

Location

1. 910 D STREET

Tree Species

Chinese Hackberry

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Retain the tree, remove the dead branches, and reevaluate the root crown area to determine the extent of any root decay. Report the findings of the root crown inspection back to the Tree Commission.

Motion Passed: 4-3, Ozonoff, Westrup, Vogt-nay

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

C. Street Tree Species Selection

The Commission reviewed the species distribution list for the community forest. Staff updated the Commission on the selection process and new tree species that have been introduced over the past few years to help increase the community forest diversity.

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- 1) Draft sewer root conflict handout

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Next meeting: August 19, 2010

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