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Tree Commission Minutes
Parks and General Services Building
1818 Fifth Street
Thursday September 17, 2009
6:00 p.m.

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

Approved: 4-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of August 20, 2009

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

Approved: 4-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments

Staff informed the Commission that the vacant Urban Forest Supervisor position will be filled. Recruitment starts Friday 9-18-09.

Staff attended the Oeste Manor Neighborhood Association meeting on the Pagoda removal and replacement program. Staff presented the block renovation program for the neighborhood to the association.

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. 1931 SYCAMORE LANE	South African Sumac

Moved by: Osborn

Seconded by: Ozonoff

Motion: Remove the tree and replace with three large shade trees in the Sycamore Lane frontage of the office complex.

Motion Passed: 4-0

2. 928 ACACIA LANE

Silk Tree (Mimosa)

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Remove the tree due to the decay in the scaffold limbs and poor health. Replant with a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 4-0

3. 1379 VIA COLONNA TERRACE Aleppo Pine

Moved by: Ozonoff

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Remove the tree due to its crowded growing conditions and poor planting location. Replant replacement trees along the bike path in the greenbelt.

Motion Passed: 4-0

4. 505 HUBBLE STREET

Ash

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Retain the tree as it is in good health and prune as necessary. Monitor bleeding from main stem and scaffold branches.

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>
646 J Street	Chinese Hackberry	Dead tree
1940 Alicante Street	Aristocrat Pear	Limb failure-hazard
5213 Cowell Boulevard	White Alder	Dead tree
4221 Montgomery Avenue	Black Walnut (2)	Dead tree

C. Condition ratings for tree evaluations

Staff presented the Commission with materials and a slide show on the process of tree evaluations and the rating system used when inspecting trees. The slides showed differing conditions of the parts of the tree inspected during an evaluation.

D. Sewer damage language in the opening statement

The Commission directed staff to include language that addresses trees and sewer lines in the opening statement.

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- 1) Landmark Orange tree grove at 604 2nd Street
- 2) Landmark Tree designation and protection

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Next meeting: October 15, 2009

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