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Tree Commission Minutes
Parks and Community Services Department, Building A
1818 Fifth Street
April 19, 2018
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Zarah Wyly-Chair, Jim Newman-Vice Chair, Stacey Parker, Kyle Gayman, David Robinson, Michael Maulhardt, Dave Fujino

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager

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 Robinson, seconded by Fujino.

Approved: 6-0

Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Parker, seconded by Gayman

Approved: 6-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

Robinson informed the Commission of the last Tree Davis event of the season. The pruning event will be at Sandy Motley Park on Saturday April 21.

Wyly informed the Commission that the Urban Greening Grant was submitted and could result in 90 new tree plantings and 40 rain gardens being installed in greenstreets in the Davis Manor neighborhood.

Staff informed the Commission that the tree inventory has started with scheduled completion by the end of June.

Staff informed the Commission that the Urban Forest Division now has four interns performing young tree maintenance and mulching.

Staff informed the Commission that the 3rd Street rehabilitation project will be using Silva Cells around the trees to help reduce the construction improvement impacts.

Public Comments:

No public comments were given at the meeting.

Regular Items:

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

- | <u>Location</u> | <u>Tree</u> |
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| 1. 943 CHESTNUT LANE | Modesto Ash |
| Moved by: | Newman |
| Seconded by: | Fujino |
| Motion: | Due to the extensive decay in the main stem and roots, remove the tree and plant a replacement. |
| Motion Passed: | 6-0 |
| 2. 1421 BUCKEYE LANE | Japanese Zelkova |
| Moved by: | Newman |
| Seconded by: | Fujino |
| Motion: | Due to the poor health and limb decay, remove the tree and plant a replacement. |
| Motion Passed: | 6-0 |
| 3. 1013 CHESTNUT LANE | Modesto Ash |
| Moved by: | Newman |
| Seconded by: | Fujino |
| Motion: | Due to the declining health and decay in the main scaffold branches, remove the tree and plant a replacement. |
| Motion Passed: | 6-0 |
| 4. 1609 NAVAJO STREET | Aristocrat Pear |
| Moved by: | Newman |
| Seconded by: | Fujino |
| Motion: | Due to the extensive Fire Blight infections in the tree, remove the tree and plant a replacement. |
| Motion Passed: | 6-0 |

5. 1706 ALICANTE STREET Aristocrat Pear (3)

Moved by: Newman
Seconded by: Fujino
Motion: Due to the poor structure and health, remove the trees and plant a replacement trees.

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. 1539 EL CAPITAN STREET Aristocrat Pear

Moved by: Newman
Seconded by: Robinson
Motion: Due to the poor structure and health, remove the tree and plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0

B. Informational Street Tree Removals:

The following trees were removed due to being in an imminently hazardous condition:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>	<u>Reason</u>
23 Russell Boulevard	Fruitless Mulberry	Cracked and decayed leaders
1406 Sycamore Lane	Holly Oak	Decaying roots

C. Chapter 37 Tree Protection, Preservation and Planting Ordinance Update

No updates were given at the meeting. Subcommittee meeting was set for May 30th.

D. City Council Appeal Guidelines

The Commission approved the draft guidelines to forward to City Council for approval. The motion to approve the guidelines and send to council was made by Parker and seconded by Newman.

Informational Items:

No informational items were heard at the meeting.

Commission and Staff Communications:

A. Education Subcommittee

1) UCD students will be placing informational tree tags on trees at UCD and some in the downtown area. The few tags up have been getting favorable reviews and interest.

B. Topics for next meeting

1) Spring Community Forest tour

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm moved by Robinson and seconded by Newman.

Next meeting: May 17, 2018

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