Parks and Community Services Department

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Tree Commission Minutes Parks and Community Services Department, Building A 1818 Fifth Street May 17, 2018 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Zarah Wyly-Chair, Jim Newman-Vice Chair, Stacey Parker, Kyle

Gayman, David Robinson, 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 Newman, seconded by Robinson.

Approved: 6-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

Public Comments:

No public comments were given at the meeting.

Regular Items:

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

Due to the Community Forest tour no street tree removal requests will be reviewed at this meeting

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>
512 E Street	Siberian Elm	Uprooted in wind storm event
855 A Street	Moraine Ash	Uprooted in wind storm event

C. Community Forest Tour

During the community forest tour, the Commission visited the following areas:

- 1) Davis Manor street tree plantings
- 2) Davis Manor green streets grant area
- 3) Lake Boulevard Stone Pine removal and replacement area
- 4) Monte Vista Avenue American Sweetgum removal and replacement area
- 5) Miller Drive Arbor Day planting area
- 6) 3rd Street pavement rehabilitation area

Informational Items:

No informational items were heard at the meeting.

Commission and Staff Communications:

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm moved by Robinson and seconded by Newman.

Next meeting: June 21, 2018

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