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**Tree Commission Minutes
Parks and Community Services Department, Building A
1818 Fifth Street
August 16, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

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

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 Newman

Approved: 6-0

Approval of Minutes

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

Approved: 6-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

Staff gave the commission an update on the Cowell Boulevard Chevron tree removal violation. The trees have been fully removed and replaced per the Tree Modification permit and are under a two-year establishment period. Violation penalties may be waived upon tree establishment after the two-year monitoring period.

Director Summersille reported that Davey Resource Group has collected approximately 40,000 trees for the updated citywide tree inventory.

Public Comments:

No public comments were given at the meeting.

Regular Items:

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

Location

1. 1221 Impala Place

Tree

Raywood Ash

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Follow staff recommendation to remove and replace the tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. 665 Equador Place

Chinese Tallow Tree

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Due to the tree's age, rate of decline, and continuing limb failures, remove and replace the tree.

Motion Passed: 5-1; Parker nay

3. 334 Mills Drive

Honey Locust

Moved by: Parker

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Follow staff recommendation to removal and replace the tree. Due to limited planting space on-site, plant the replacement tree in Community Park.

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. 1334 Monarch Lane

Raywood Ash

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Follow staff recommendation to remove and replace the tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0

5. 223 4th Street

Chinaberry Tree

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Retain the tee and evaluate the tree for clearance pruning to reduce fruit drop into the yard.

Motion Passed: 6-0

6. 2715 Prado Lane

Aristocrat Pear

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Newman
Motion: Follow staff recommendation to remove and replace the 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>
503 E Street	Modesto Ash (2)	Splitting trees
508 E Street	Chinese Hackberry	Uprooting tree
518 K Street	Black Walnut (2)	1 Limb failure and 1 declining
609 11 th	Chinese Hackberry	Tree failure
Alhambra @ E. Covell Blvd.	Aristocrat Pear	Dead tree

C. Citygreen Presentation

Nathaniel Hardy from Citygreen gave a presentation on the suspended pavement product called Stratavault. The product allows for structural support for paving areas without having to compact the soil in the Stratavault system.

The system can also be used to help with on-site storm water collection as a water harvesting system that will help water trees and manage storm water flows.

For more information on the system see www.citygreen.com

D. Chapter 37 Tree Protection, Preservation, and planting Ordinance Update

The ordinance subcommittee did not meet since last meeting; therefore, no updates were given at the meeting.

E. Downtown Plan Review

Staff introduced the available material for the Commissioners to review. The Commission will discuss and provide comments at the September 20, 2018 Tree Commission meeting.

Informational Items:

No informational items were heard at the meeting.

Commission and Staff Communications:

A. Education Subcommittee

No updates from the subcommittee were given.

B. Topics for next meeting

1) Downtown Plan review

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm moved by Newman and seconded by Parker

Next meeting: September 20, 2018

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