

**Parks and Community Services Department**

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**Tree Commission Minutes  
Parks and Community Services Department, Building A  
1818 Fifth Street  
October 18, 2018  
5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Zarah Wyly-Chair, Jim Newman-Vice Chair, David Fujino, David Robinson

Commissioners Absent: Stacey Parker - excused  
Kayle Gayman - excused

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: 4-0

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Robinson, seconded by Newman

Approved: 4-0

**Commissioner and Staff Comments:**

Staff informed the Commission of the upcoming joint meeting with the City Council. The Joint meeting will be held Tuesday November 27, 2018 prior to the regular City Council meeting.

Staff informed the Commission of the recent planting events hosted by Tree Davis. The plantings were held at Crystal Grove Lane, 2 trees planted, Bluebird Place, 3 trees planted, and Atlantis Drive, 19 trees planted.

Staff informed the Commission of an upcoming workshop on trees and storm water hosted by the City of Davis on December 5, 2018 at the Vets Memorial Center. The workshop will look at storm water and how trees can be incorporated into the storm water infrastructure planning.

**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. 628 I Street**

**Tree**

**London Plane Tree**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Due to the low tree vigor, remove the tree and plant a replacement.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**2. 1607 Tamarack Lane**

**Beefwood**

Moved by: Newman

Seconded by: Fujino

Motion: Due to the continuing limb failures and unmitigatable driveway damage, remove the tree and plant a replacement.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**3. 26 College Park**

**Chinese Hackberry**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Due to the root disease infection, remove the tree and property owner is encouraged to plant a replacement tree on the property.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**4. 1003 Miller Drive**

**Moraine Ash (2)**

Moved by: Fujino

Seconded by: Robinson

Motion: Due to the declining health of both trees, remove the trees and plant one replacement tree per staff recommendation.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**5. 1311 L Street**

**Beefwood**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Due to the structural defects in the tree, remove the tree and plant a replacement.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**6. 1016 Bienville Street**

**Moraine Ash (2)**

Moved by: Newman

Seconded by: Robinson

Motion: Due to the declining health of both trees, remove the trees and plant two replacement trees.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**7. 2003 Baywood Lane**

**Chinese Hackberry**

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Newman

Motion: Due to the small planting area for the tree species, remove the tree and plant three replacement trees along Covell Boulevard.

Motion Passed: 4-0

**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>
Central Park	Deodar Cedar	Dead tree
Atlantis Drive greenbelt	Bradford Pear (4)	Fire Blight
703 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Bradford Pear	Dead tree
425 Balboa Avenue	Chinese Pistache	Verticillium wilt

**C. Trees and Solar**

The Commission reviewed the proposed Cool Parking Lot Ordinance Proposal drafted by the Natural Resources Commission Greenhouse Gas subcommittee. The Commission suggested a joint meeting with the Natural Resource Commission to discuss the report's concepts and how trees can be better integrated into parking lots.

**Informational Items:**

No informational items were heard at the meeting.

**Commission and Staff Communications:**

Mayor Lee stopped by the Commission meeting to thank the Commissioners for their work on the tree mitigation policy work. He and the City Council members felt it was a well thought out policy and process for mitigating healthy street tree removals. He also mentioned the upcoming joint meeting with the Tree Commission and City Council and they were all looking forward to hearing from the Tree Commission.

**A. Education Subcommittee**

Subcommittee will be working on getting the Urban Forestry Town Hall meeting information out to the public.

**B. Topics for Next Meeting**

1) Joint City Council meeting preparation.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. moved by Robinson and seconded by Newman.

**Next Meeting:** November 15, 2018

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