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**Tree Commission Minutes
Parks and Community Services Department, Building A
1818 Fifth Street
November 15, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Kyle Gayman, Stacey Parker, David Fujino, David Robinson

Commissioners Absent: Zarah Wyly, Jim Newman- 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 Robinson, seconded by Gayman

Approved: 4-0

Approval of Minutes

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

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 about the Tree Davis Planting held Saturday, November 10th on Shasta Drive. Tree Davis planted 15 trees along Shasta Drive to replace some street trees lost to the drought.

Staff also informed the Commission that the Tree Davis planting on Snyder Drive, originally scheduled for Saturday, November 17th, is being postponed until Sunday, December 9th, due to poor air quality from the Camp Fire.

Staff informed the Commission that the Urban Forest Division now has a temporary part-time employee helping the Urban Forest Technician.

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. 1281 Harvard

Tree
Japanese Zelkova

Moved by: Parker

Seconded by: Gayman

Motion: Due to the declining health and diseased main stem, remove the tree and plant a replacement.

Motion Passed: 4-0

2. 810 Braddock Court

Aristocrat Pear

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Fujino
Motion: Due to the extensive mistletoe infestation, remove the tree and plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 4-0

3. 2830 Cascade Place

Canary Island Pine

Moved by: Parker
Seconded by: Robinson
Motion: Due to the infrastructure damage to the water meter and as root pruning is not optional for this tree, remove the tree and plant a replacement in a location on the property away from the water meters.

Motion Passed: 4-0

4. 2808 Belhaven Place

Canary Island Pine

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Parker
Motion: Due to the damage caused by falling cones and the unmitigatable situation of pruning cones off the tree, remove the tree and plant two replacement trees on the property.

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>
601 Miller Drive	Modesto Ash	Splitting trunk
503 Waxwing Place	Autumn Fantasy Maple	Dead tree
353 2 nd Street	Black Walnut	Severely declining tree
3 Parkside Drive	Chinese Hackberry	Dead tree

C. City Council Joint Meeting Preparation

The Commission discussed the topics for the joint meeting. The Commission also reviewed the 2018 work plan for accuracy and any additions that needed to be added for reporting to City Council.

Informational Items:

No informational items were heard at the meeting.

Commission and Staff Communications:

A. Education Subcommittee

No meetings of the subcommittee were held, so no report was heard by the Commission.

B. Topics for Next Meeting

1) 2019 Work plan and goals

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

Next Meetings: November 27, 2018- Joint meeting with City Council.
December 20, 2018

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