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**Tree Commission Minutes
Parks and Community Services Department, Building A
1818 Fifth Street
May 16, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Zarah Wyly-Chair, Jim Newman-Vice Chair, David Robinson, Tim Csontos, Kyle Gayman, Stacey Parker, Alternate-Tracy Dewit

Commissioners Absent: 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 Newman.

Approved: 6-0

Approval of Minutes:

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

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:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>
1. 522 Hermosa Place	African Sumac
Moved by: Robinson	
Seconded by: Newman	
Motion: Due to the girdling roots and root decay, remove the tree and plant a replacement	
Motion Passed: 7-0	

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>
1140 Dartmouth Place	Chinese Hackberry	Dead tree
1212 Snyder Drive	Modesto Ash	Dead tree
Cedar Park	Chinese Hackberry	Root disease

C. Spring Tree Tour

The commission visited the following locations for the spring tour:

- 3rd Street improvements
- The Cannery
- Monte Vista Avenue
- Purdue Drive
- New tree plantings
 - Miller Drive
 - Shasta Drive
 - Chestnut Lane

Commission and Staff Communications:

A. Education Subcommittee

Deferred to next meeting.

B. Topics for Next Meeting

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm; moved by Newman and seconded by Wyly.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2019

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