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**Tree Commission Minutes
Parks and Community Services Department, Building A
1818 Fifth Street
August 22, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Zarah Wyly-Chair, David Robinson, Kyle Gayman, Larry Guenther, Stacy Parker, Alternate-Vacant

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.

Swearing in of New Commissioner

Larry Guenther was sworn-in as a new Tree Commissioner.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Robinson, seconded by Parker.

Approved: 5-0

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Robinson, seconded by Gayman. With the correction of Wyly's vote of yay for 331 Antioch tree review.

Approved: 6-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

Staff informed the Commission that the Urban Forest Supervisor Julia Jones has accepted a position with the City of Fremont and is no longer at the City of Davis. The position is approved to be posted for hiring a new supervisor.

Staff announced that the September 19, 2019 Tree Commission meeting has to be moved to Thursday the 26th due to a staff conflict.

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. 1212 Radcliffe Drive

Tree Species

Honey Locust

Moved by: Parker

Seconded by: Robinson

Motion: Follow the staff recommendation to remove the tree and plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0

2. 4318 Vistosa Street

Raywood Ash

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Guenther
Motion: Due to the limited growing space, follow the staff recommendation to remove the tree and plant a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0

3. 1919 Gauguin Place

Moraine Ash

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Parker
Motion: Due to the limited growing space, follow the staff recommendation to remove the tree and plant a replacement tree. Replanting species should be an appropriate species for the limited growing space.

Motion Passed: 6-0

4. North Davis Channel

Red Iron Bark Eucalyptus

Moved by: Wyly
Seconded by: Parker
Motion: Approve the removal of the 20 selected Eucalyptus and work with the neighbors for planting replacement trees as needed to fill gaps along the northern bike path/greenbelt area.

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>
34 Parkside Drive	Chinese Hackberry	Dead tree
36 Parkside Drive	Chinese Hackberry	Dead tree
617 E Street	London Plane Tree	Dead tree
819 Linden Lane	Silver Maple	Dead tree
823 Linden Lane	Aristocrat Pear	Dead tree
832 Oeste Drive	Japanese Pagoda	Dead tree
Evergreen Greenbelt	Aristocrat Pear	Dead tree
Aurora Avenue greenbelt	Moraine Ash	Dead tree
Mono Place	Weeping Willow	Dead tree
Covell Greenbelt a@ Aurora	Fruitless Mulberry	Split tree

Commission and Staff Communications:

A. Education Subcommittee

The Subcommittee updated the Commission on a public education campaign for watering of young trees. The committee will be gathering more information and conducting another survey as an initial survey attempt yielded minimal responses to watering practices by residents. The committee will be working on a new survey and will report back once it has been conducted.

B. Topics for Next Meeting

- 1) Fall community forest tour
- 2) Tree ordinance update

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm; moved by Parker and seconded by Robinson.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2019

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