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**Tree Commission Minutes**  
**Parks and Community Services Department, Building A**  
**1818 Fifth Street**  
**October 17, 2019**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Zarah Wyly-Chair, David Robinson, Kyle Gayman, Larry Guenther, Stacy Parker, Tracey DeWit 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.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Guenther, seconded by Parker with the spelling correction of Commissioner DeWit's name.

Approved: 5-0

**Commissioner and Staff Comments:**

Staff informed the Commission that the draft Davis Downtown Plan is now available for comments. Staff informed the Commission that the plan is on the City's web site and comments can be submitted on the on-line comment form.

Staff informed the Commission that the recruitment for the Urban Forester Supervisors position is now closed and applications will be reviewed for qualified candidates.

Staff informed the Commission that Tree Davis has a Community Canopy planting this weekend with trees supplied by the current Prop. 68 Cal Fire grant.

DeWit informed the Commission about the meeting on housing between the City of Davis, UC Davis, and Yolo County this evening at UC Davis. The meeting is a 2x2x2 with the entities.

DeWit also informed the Commission about the Pacifico housing project in South Davis.

**Public Comments:**

Alan Hirsch made the following comments:

Informed the Commission that the Davis Futures Forum had approximately 30 attendees.

Commented about the importance of making comments for the draft Davis Downtown Plan.

Urged continued work on completing the tree ordinance update, especially in light of a new innovation project in east Davis.

**Regular Items:**

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

**Location**

**Tree Species**

No trees were reviewed this month due to the Fall community forest tour.

**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>
Arlington Blvd. x Cabot St.	Italian Stone Pine	Limb failure
1325 Chestnut Lane	Modesto Ash	Main stem decay
1741 Mariposa Circle	Aristocrat Pear (4)	Fire Blight-declining health

**C. Fall Community Forest Tour Locations**

The Commission visited the following locations during the community forest tour:

- 1) The Cannery subdivision
- 2) Selected parking lots in Davis
- 3) Russell Boulevard in west Davis

**Commission and Staff Communications:**

**A. Education Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee has been disbanded until further notice.

**B. Topics for Next Meeting**

- 1) Downtown Plan

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.; moved by Robinson and seconded by Guenther.

**Next Meeting: November 21, 2019**

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