



City of Davis
Tree Commission Meeting Agenda
Community Chambers, 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, CA 95616
Wednesday September 6, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Commission Members: John Reuter (Chair), Colin Walsh (Vice-Chair), Jim Cramer, Ann Daniel, Alana Gamage, Laura Rodman, Adam Schawel, Vacant (Alternate)

Council Liaisons: Will Arnold (Regular), Bapu Vaitla (Alternate)

Staff: Charlie Murphy, Urban Forestry Program Manager

NOTE: The numerical order of items on this agenda is for convenience of reference; items may be taken out of order. A majority vote of the commission is required to begin consideration of each new item of business after 7:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Council Liaisons**
- 4. Public Comment**

At this time any member of the public may address the commission on matters which are not listed on this agenda, or are listed on the consent calendar.

IN PERSON PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Speakers will be limited to no more than three minutes. Speakers will be asked to state their name for the record.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Submit written public comments to TreeCommission@cityofdavis.org. Emails are distributed to Commissioners, Council Liaisons and staff. To ensure the Commission has the opportunity to review information prior to the meeting, send emails by 3:30 p.m. on the meeting date.

- 5. Consent Calendar**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and non-controversial, require no discussion, and are expected to have unanimous support. The Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion. Commissioners may request items be removed from Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action.

- A. Informational Tree Removals List** (*Urban Forestry Program Staff*)

Recommendation: Informational item. Receive list from Urban Forestry program staff of the tree removals conducted by staff based on the following: tree death, decay, limb failure, or other imminently high risk conditions.

B. Tree Commission Minutes (*Meeting: August 2, 2023*)

Recommendation: Action Item. Approve minutes.

C. City Responses to Grand Jury Report: A Forest for the Trees - A Report on a Davis Resource

Recommendation: Informational item. Receive City Council report from August 29, 2023 meeting with approved City responses to the Yolo County Grand Jury for the report titled *A Forest for the Trees - A Report on a Davis Resource*. The item was also shared with the Commission as an informational item on August 26, 2023 prior to the Council meeting.

6. Regular Items

A. Street Tree Removal Requests (*Charlie Murphy, Urban Forestry Program Manager*)

Recommendation: Action Item. Receive presentation from the Urban Forestry Program Manager on the street tree removal requests submitted for this meeting, and consider motions to approve or deny the removal requests. Each request will be accompanied by a public comment period.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>	<u>Reason for Request</u>
1726 Evergreen Court	Flowering Pear	Safety
3033 Lillard Drive	Canary Island Pine	Property damage, safety
621 Coolidge St	Flowering Pear	Slow growth

B. Draft Peripheral Growth Rubric Feedback (*Charlie Murphy, Urban Forestry Program Manager*)

Recommendation: Action Item. Review feedback to City Council on the Peripheral Growth Rubric as prepared by the Tree Commission’s Draft Peripheral Growth Rubric Subcommittee. The Commission is asked to provide input on the perimeters identified and the grading system used for City Council to consider. Feedback is requested by September 15, 2023. The Commission formed the subcommittee to review the rubric and create recommended feedback at the August Commission meeting.

C. Discussion on Downtown Decorative Lighting Short-term and Long-term Planning (*Stan Gryczko, Director of Public Works Utilities and Operations*)

Recommendation: Informational/Action Item. Receive information from City staff on work in the downtown to remove existing decorative lighting in trees

and place temporary lighting while long-term planning for decorative lighting in the downtown gets underway with key collaborators, including the Tree Commission. The Commission may choose to provide recommendations to City Council on the efforts to remove lighting, the temporary placement lighting, and/or the process for the long-term plan for downtown decorative lighting in relation to City trees.

D. Consideration of Prioritization of Year One Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Next Steps (*Charlie Murphy, Urban Forestry Program Manager*)

Recommendation: Informational/Action Item. Begin discussion of possible recommendations to City Council on the prioritization of steps to be undertaken over the next year by City staff with regards to the implementation of the UFMP. Staff recommendations for priorities include: a) the updating and creation of policies, procedures, specifications and standards related to tree care, maintenance, management and planting; and b) continuing the previous efforts undertaken to update the City's ordinance related to Trees (Chapter 37 of the Municipal Code); and (c) conducting an updated comprehensive City tree inventory. The Commission may consider reviewing this item again at their next meeting.

7. Subcommittee and Liaison Assignment Updates.

This item is for brief updates on subcommittee work or reports from commission liaison(s) on meetings attended, if any.

8. Long Range Calendar.

Upcoming Meeting Dates and/or Potential Agenda Items

9. Adjournment.

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