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**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
April 21, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Laura Westrup-Chair, Mike Ozonoff-Vice Chair, David Robinson
Marijane Osborn, Hila Rooks, George Rooks, Rainbow Vogt, Marc
Rubald-Alternate

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Parks & Urban Forest Manager

Opening Statement

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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 Vogt, seconded by Osborn

Approved: 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of March 17, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes was made by H. Rooks, seconded by Osborn

Approved: 7-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments:

Hila and George Rooks are resigning from the Tree Commission due to being out of the country each year for an extended period of time.

Westrup informed the commission on a field outing with staff to look at a couple of areas of concern. The trip included an evaluation of some of the Walnut trees along Covell Blvd. and on Birch Lane. Some of the trees are dead or in severe decline. The planting areas along Pole Line Road north of Covell Blvd were sited for new trees to replace the trees that did not establish in the first planting along the bike path. The Modesto Ash trees on Madrone Lane and in the Davis Manor neighborhood were also looked at for possible removal and replacement planning as has been on-going in the Oeste Manor neighborhood.

Public Comments:

No public comments were given.

New Business:

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

Location

1. 513 EISENHOWER STREET

Tree Species

Moraine Ash (2)

Moved by: Rooks, G

Seconded by: Rooks, H

Motion: Retain the trees due to the fair health. Staff to re-evaluate the trees and resident to submit an independent Arborist report for the trees. The City is to prune the trees to reduce the limb weights. The Commission will go to the trees on the May tour.

Motion Passed: 7-0

2. 1602 MONARCH LANE Aristocrat Pear

Moved by: Rooks, G
Seconded by: Vogt
Motion: Retain the tree due to the fair health. Prune the tree for structure and to
remove the fire blight.

Motion Passed: 7-0

3. 3040 PRADO LANE London Plane

Moved by: Rooks, H
Seconded by: Robinson
Motion: Prune the surface roots to the extent possible to remove the largest roots on
the east side of the lawn.

Motion Passed: 7-0

4. 1825 LEHIGH DRIVE Modesto Ash

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Rubald
Motion: Remove the tree as it has structural defects and the replacement trees have
grown to a size large enough to replace this tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0; Vogt abstained

B. Opening statement review-

Ozonoff has taken on the task of updating and editing the current opening statement. Once completed, the revision will be reviewed by the commission.

C. Informational Only-

Trees removed prior to the Commission meeting due to hazardous or unsafe conditions:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Farragut Circle	Aleppo Pine	Failed tree in greenbelt behind 1429 Farragut Circle
1310 Chesnut Lane	Modesto Ash	Split trunk from storm
2552 Regis Drive	Kentucky Coffee Tree	Uprooted tree from storm
915 Eureka	Modesto Ash	Split trunk from storm
47 College Park	Modesto Ash	Split trunk from storm

Agenda Topics for next Meeting:

No additional topics will be discussed at the May meeting as the Commission will be touring the City to look at trees in various locations.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Next meeting: May 19, 2011

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