

PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES

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**Tree Commission Minutes  
Parks and General Services Building  
1818 Fifth Street  
Thursday October 15, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: David Robinson, Marijane Osborn, Mike Ozonoff,  
G. Rooks, H. Rooks

Commissioners Absent: Laura Westrup, Dan Nagle, Rainbow Vogt-excused

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, 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. 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 Ozonoff, seconded by Osborn

Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Minutes: Meeting of September 17, 2009**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ozonoff, seconded by Osborn

Approved: 5-0

**Commissioner and Staff Comments**

Staff updated the Commission the damage caused by the storm on October 13. 13 trees will have to be removed due to storm damage. Six vehicles were damaged by limb failures. In total, 148 storm related calls were taken by the Parks and General Services staff during the storm event. A Department Operations Center was opened to handle the calls and subsequent work required to clear trees, remove hangers, and mitigate tree related hazards.

G. Rooks asked about the progress of the planting for the Middle East peace process. Staff informed the Commission that the planting was moving forward and the City Manager's Office would contact the interested parties with the planting details.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

**New Business:**

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree Species</u>
No Street Tree Removal requests were reviewed this month by the Commission	

**B. Informational Only-**

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Reason</u>
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**C. Landmark Tree Designation and Protection**

Item was tabled due to the absent Tree Commissioners and Council Liaison.

**D. Solar Panel and Tree conflicts**

The Commission reviewed the Solar Shade Control section of the City Municipal Code and felt that it adequately covered when trees are protected when solar panels are installed or impaired due to possible shading from existing trees.

**Agenda Topics for next Meeting**

- 1) Landmark Orange tree grove at 604 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 2) Landmark Tree designation and protection

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

**Next meeting:** November 19, 2009

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