

PARKS & GENERAL SERVICES

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**Tree Commission Minutes  
Davis Police Department  
2600 Fifth Street  
Thursday April 16, 2009  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Commissioners Absent: Rainbow Vogt-alternate

Assigned Staff: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager, John Cruit, Urban Forest Supervisor

**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 Robinson, seconded by H. Rooks

Approved: 4-0

### **Approval of Minutes: Meeting of March 19, 2009**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by H. Rooks, seconded by Osborn with a correction to the opening statement which was read by the Chair not the Vice-Chair.

Approved: 5-0

### **Commissioner and Staff Comments**

Staff made a reminder to the Commission regarding Arbor Day ceremonies on Wednesday April 22 at 5:30.

### **Public Comments**

Walter Tyler came and discussed his tree appeal for a Pear tree at 960 Zaragoza. Mr. Tyler came to have the Commission reconsider the decision to keep the tree. Because the item was not on the agenda the Commission took no action on the item, so the appeal will continue to go before the City Council.

### **New Business:**

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

##### **Location**

##### **Tree Species**

Due to the Tree Commission tour of the city no tree removal requests were reviewed at the meeting.

#### **B. Informational Only-**

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

##### **Location**

15 Simmons Way  
234 G Street  
511 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Covell Park

##### **Tree**

Chinese Hackberry  
Grecian Laurel  
Chinese Hackberry  
Moraine Ash

##### **Reason**

Root failure  
Stem decay  
Stem and limb decay  
Dead tree

**C. Tree Commission Spring tour of the City**

The commission went to the following areas to look at newly planted street trees and some project areas where trees may be affected by the projects.

- 1) Mace Ranch neighborhoods
- 2) 5th Street corridor
- 3) Lake Boulevard bike paths

**Agenda Topics for next Meeting**

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

**Next meeting:** May 21, 2009

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