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**Tree Commission Minutes
Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Thursday June 18, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

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

Commissioners Absent: Laura Westrup, Chair

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 Robinson, seconded by H. Rooks

Approved: 7-0

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of May 21, 2009

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ozonoff, seconded by G. Rooks

Approved: 7-0

Commissioner and Staff Comments

No comments were made.

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>
1. 4334 COWELL BOULEVARD	Chinese Tallow Tree

Moved by: Vogt
Seconded by: Rooks, G
Motion: Retain the tree as the re-evaluation has shown the tree to be in good health.

Motion Passed: 7-0

2. 2703 EMERALD BAY DRIVE	European Hackberry
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Moved by: Rooks, G
Seconded by: Osborn
Motion: Remove the tree due to the declining health from the wound failure and decay at the wound site. Replant with a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-1, Vogt nay

3. 1102 REDWOOD LANE

Italian Alder

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Rooks, G

Motion: Remove the tree due to its declining health and borer infestation. Replant with a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0, Vogt abstained

4. 1102 COLBY DRIVE

Italian Alder

Moved by: Rooks, H

Seconded by: Osborn

Motion: Remove the tree due to its declining health and the extensive mistletoe. Replant with a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0, Vogt abstained

5. 3422 MONTEREY AVENUE

Raywood Ash

Moved by: Ozonoff

Seconded by: Rooks, G

Motion: Remove the tree due to the illness and borers in the tree. Replant with a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 6-0, Vogt abstained

6. 214 DIABLO AVENUE

Ash, Flowering

Moved by: Robinson

Seconded by: Rooks, G

Motion: Remove the tree due to severe sunscald damage on the main stem. Replant with a replacement tree.

Motion Passed: 7-0

7. 729 BIANCO COURT

Moraine Ash

Moved by: Vogt
Seconded by: Robinson
Motion: Retain the tree and at time of driveway construction have the City inspect the roots to determine the extent of damage and root pruning. The City is to have the authority to remove the tree at that time. Replace the tree with two trees one on and one off site.

Motion Passed: 7-0

8. 2208 ALAMEDA AVENUE

Canary Island Pines (6)

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Nagle
Motion: Retain the trees and prune as necessary to relieve as much shade as possible from the PV panels at 2208 Alameda.

Motion Passed: 7-0

9. 3519 ARROYO AVENUE

Bradford Pear

Moved by: Robinson
Seconded by: Rooks, G
Motion: Retain the tree and prune the roots as necessary.

Motion Passed: 7-0

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>
228 Lindo Place	Almond	Hazard-tree rotten at base
526 G Street	London Plane Tree	Dead tree
Wake Forest parking lot	Glossy Privet	Electrical hazard/clearance

C. Landmark Orange Tree Grove 604 2nd Street

The Commission discussed the Tree Commission's role in land use policies in regards to protecting Landmark Trees in the City.

The Commission finalized a letter to Council regarding the removal of the Orange trees at 604 2nd Street in conjunction with a development project.

It was moved by G. Rooks and Seconded by Vogt to send the finalized letter to Council and to invite the Council liaison to the August meeting to further discuss Landmark Trees and their protection. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Tree Commission Appeals process

The Commission deferred this topic to the August meeting when the Council liaison is present to discuss the appeals process.

Agenda Topics for next Meeting

- 1) Landmark Tree Protection
- 2) Appeal process

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next meeting: August 20, 2009

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