

Tree Committee Members:
Susann Ortega-Chair
Kellie Carlin- Vice Chair
Edie Kausch
Kacey Stotesbery
Carol Troy
Susan Allen-Alternate

MINUTES
ST. HELENA TREE COMMITTEE
ST. HELENA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM
1480 MAIN STREET, ST. HELENA
Regular Meeting - Thursday, January 8, 2014
3:30 – 5:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Susann Ortega, Kacey Stotesbery, Edie Kausch and Carol Troy.
Absent: Susan Allen, Kellie Carlin.
Staff: City Arborist Jim Haller and Operations Manager Kathy Robinson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. None.

- 3. PUBLIC FORUM:** An opportunity for the public to directly address the Committee on items of interest to the public that are not listed on the agenda. Any person addressing the Committee should provide his or her name and address, and limit comments to five minutes. **Because of restrictions imposed by the Brown Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.**

Committee Action: Committee received comments. No action taken.

- 4. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE:** Reports by staff and/or committee on items of general interest. *Brief questions for clarification may be posed and answered, and Committee may request that items be placed on a future agenda. Except under certain circumstances, the Brown Act prohibits any other discussion or action by the Tree Committee.*

Committee Action: City Arborist provided update on December storm, Tree City USA application status and reported on a tree that was planted without a permit.

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- A. 1752 Scott Street – applicant requests to remove and stump ground 14.5” Chines Pistache with a replacement tree to be planted once construction is complete (continued from November 14, 2014 meeting).

Committee Action: Committee Member Chair Ortega recused from proceedings. Committee Member Stotesbery motioned to deny as there were other viable options for the applicant to consider and further motioned that any material under the tree’s drip line must be of permeable material, seconded by Committee Member Kausch, unanimously carried (3-0, 1 recused).

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Reviewing removal of trees and construction activities regarding protected trees at 1915 Main Street (Las Alcobas, formerly known as Grandview).

Committee Action: Discussion occurred, no committee action.

- B. Reviewing proposed tree relocation plan for Wappo Park Solar Panel Project.

Committee Action: Discussion occurred. Item to be brought back to committee to discuss replacement trees. No committee action.

- C. Beringer owner/rep open discussion regarding removal of two tunnel of Elm Streets.

Committee Action: Discussion occurred. Item to be brought back in to committee for another open discussion at the March Tree Committee meeting. No committee action.

7. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Committee to decide which items to place on agenda for next meeting.

Committee Agenda requests: Tree permits' mitigated replacement tree list and location, 1752 Scott Street, and 1915 Main Street (Las Alcobas, formerly Grandview),

- 8. **ADJOURNMENT:** committee was adjourned to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee on February 12, 2015 at 3:30 P.M. in the main conference room of City Hall located at 1480 Main Street, St. Helena, CA.

Kathy Robinson – Operations Manager