

Tree Committee Members:

Kacey Stotesbery – Chair

Edie Kausch – Vice Chair

Carol Troy

Connie Kay

Scott Freeland

Susan Allen – Alternate

Joan Westgate – Alternate

AGENDA

ST. HELENA TREE COMMITTEE

ST. HELENA CITY HALL

1480 MAIN ST. HELENA

Regular Meeting – Thursday January 14, 2016

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL

2. **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 Act, the Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.**

3. **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.*

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Members of the Tree Committee or the public may ask that any items be considered individually for purposes of considering alternative action, for extended discussion, or for public comment. Unless that is done, on motion may be used to adopt all recommendation actions.

A. Tree Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of Oct 8, 2015.

B. Tree Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of Nov 12, 2015.

C. Tree Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of Dec 10, 2015

Estimated time: 5 minutes.

5. PERMITS TO BE REVIEWED:

- A. 1325 Adams Street permit request to trim 1 Big Leaf Maple located in the sidewalk planter. Remove deadwood ½”.
- B. City of St Helena Waste Water Treatment Plant request to remove 8 Italian Cypress and 1 Ornamental Plum. All are in declining health or reaching the end of their lives.
- C. 1145 North Crane Av request to trim low fronds of Date Palm and elevate 1 low limb of adjacent Coast Live Oak.
- D. 1065 Main St., Umpqua Bank request to remove 1 Raywood Ash in front of building. Tree has inter branch dieback disease and is lifting the sidewalk and retaining wall creating a hazard. Its removal will also prevent crowding the neighboring Chinese Pistache replant trees. City Arborist suggests the bank fill in the hole vacated by the Raywood Ash.

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Discussion: Request from Kathleen Forni to plant Crepe Myrtles instead of Chinese Pistache. – City Arborist Jim Haller.
- B. Report on alternative tree varieties for planting on Main Street. – Subcommittee members Scott Freeland and Connie Kay.
- C. Report on the status of the Menegon Oak planting project. – Subcommittee member Susan Allen.
- D. Discussion and appointment of subcommittee to work with City staff and research possible grants to City may be eligible for in relation to tree planting and maintenance. Subcommittee members to report ideas by May 1, 2016. – Kasey Stotesbery.
- E. Discussion on possible source of revenue/land for a City arboretum site, ideas for City arboretum. – Co-Chair Edie Kausch.

7. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- A. Committee to decide which items to place on agenda for next meeting.
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 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)
 - 5)

8. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee on February 11, 2016.

This agenda was posted at City Hall, 1480 Main Street, St. Helena, California on January 11, 2016. – Christina Cook, Public Works Admin.