

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, February 12, 2014
3:30 – 5:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Susann Ortega, Kellie Carlin, Edie Kausch, Susan Allen and Carol Troy.

Absent: Kacey Stotesbery.

Staff: Public Works Director Steve Palmer, City Arborist Jim Haller and Operations Manager Kathy Robinson.

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

Committee Action: None.

- 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.*

Committee Action: City Arborist provided update Wappo Park Solar Panel tree relocation.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Tree Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2014. Item pulled for corrections.

Committee Action: Item 1 A was pulled for correction and to be brought back to next regular meeting. Committee Member Kausch motioned to approve Item B & C, seconded by Committee Member Carlin, approved (4-0, 1 late arrival for one member).

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- A. 2081 Spring Street – applicant requests to remove six (6) Ornamental Pears and replace with Crepe Myrtles.

Committee Action: Committee Member Kausch motioned to deny because the trees are healthy trees that need maintenance and they need water and they need the stakes pulled and are in agreement with the City's long term goal of providing large shade trees, seconded by Committee Chair Ortega, unanimously carried 5-0.

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