

Tree Committee Members:

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**MINUTES
ST. HELENA TREE COMMITTEE
ST. HELENA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM
1480 MAIN STREET, ST. HELENA
Special Meeting – Thursday, February 26, 2015
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Susann Ortega, Kellie Carlin, Edie Kausch, Carol Troy.
Absent: Kacey Stotesbery, Susan Allen.
Staff: Public Works Director Steve Palmer, City Arborist Jim Haller, 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 Act, the Committee may not engage in substantive discussion, nor take action on matters not described on the agenda.**

Committee Action: None. Committee received comments from public.

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: None. No comments received.

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.

Committee Action: None.

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Committee Action: None.

6. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- A. Discussion of tree replacement mitigation for the removal of a 36.1 inch diameter Oak Tree at 1915 Main St. (Las Alcobas, formerly known as Grandview) for recommendation to City Council.

Committee Action: Tree Committee members motioned and unanimously agreed, 4 to 0, for the following recommended tree replacement mitigation measure:

- Considering the value of the lost mature Oak Tree on the property the Tree Committee accepts the Applicants proposal to plant three (3) additional 36” box oak trees (two at SW corner and one at NE corner of property), and upsize five (5) additional oak trees (from 24” to 36” box size). In addition, the Developer shall work with the Quail Meadow HOA to provide sufficient tree screening on the Quail Meadow property to protect the privacy and buffer the view of the hotel from the Quail Meadow residents.

- B. Discussion of maintenance and protection measures for preservation of remaining trees.

Committee Action: None. No discussion occurred.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee on March 12, 2015.