

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, April 9, 2015
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kacey Stotesbery.

Staff: 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: No comments received.

- 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: Committee received comments from City Arborist regarding Tunnel of Elms inoculation, Stockton Street tree, hazardous abatement letter for the trees to the school district, bee garden at library, and discussion with Downtown Renaissance about their sidewalk design, update on redwood tree at McCullagh park; received comment from Committee Member Carlin regarding Beatification stance on Tunnel of Elm trees.

- 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 March 12, 2015.

B. Tree Committee Special Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2015.

Committee action: No action, staff to review minutes and bring back to next agenda.

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- A. None.

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. City Arborist to update committee on park trees.

Committee action: No action. Discussion occurred. Discussed maintenance of park trees occurring every 7 years, Lyman every 3 years. Committee discussed impact of trees from impending mandatory water restrictions, update on Wappo Park, bocce court two trees and two dead Cherry tree at Baldwin park.

- B. City Arborist/staff to provide updated list, location and status of tree replacement negotiations of past tree permits' mitigations, plantings and removals for City owned and City right-of-way/private property owned.

Committee action: No action. Committee reviewed list with City Arborist and updated with additional trees.

- C. Tree Committee to establish short and long-term goals.

Committee action: No action. Discussion occurred, will have committee members individually provide their list at which time the proposed goals can be posted.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee on May 14, 2015.

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