

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, May 14, 2015
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Staff: 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.

- C. Tree Committee Special Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2015.

Committee action: Item A. pulled by Chair Ortega. Committee Member Stotesbery motion to approve Item B. and Item C., seconded by Committee Member Kausch, approved (5-0).

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- A. 1140 Crinella Drive – applicant requests to remove one (1) olive tree next to sidewalk at front of house.

Committee Action: Committee Member Kausch motion to allow removal with the understanding that another tree, Chinese Pistache, will be related in the City-right-of-way, removal can happen immediately with planting to be completed by November of 2015, seconded by Committee Member Stotesbery, approved (5-0).

- B. 1346 Main Street – applicant requests to remove one (1) raywood ash in front of building.

Committee Action: Committee Member Carlin motion to approve removal of tree with a Chinese Pistache replacement, size to be determined by City Arborist, planting to be completed by November of 2015, seconded by Committee Member Stotesbery, approved (4-1).

- C. 1386 Sylvaner – applicant requests to remove one (1) liquid amber in front of house.

Committee Action: with applicant and City Arborist not present, Committee Member Kausch motion to defer review to next month seconded by Chair Ortega, approved (5-0).

- D. 1531 Oak Avenue – applicant request to remove two (2) existing of six (6) Crape myrtle trees at south front of property.

Committee Action: Committee Member Troy motion to approve removal of tree with replacement of two 15 gallon trees, with the location and species of tree to be determined by City Arborist, seconded by Committee Member Stotesbery, approved (5-0).

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Discuss water restriction impact on tree and parks.

Committee action: No action. No discussion occurred. Deferred to next meeting.

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

Committee action: No action. Committee started to review list, staff Robinson suggested that the Tree Committee prioritize the list prior to June meeting. Staff will request prioritized list from members and combine into one report which will be presented to members for review at the June meeting.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee on June 11, 2015.
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