

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, June 11, 2015
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kasey Stotesbery, Carol Troy.

Staff: Operations Manager Kathy Robinson, City Arborist Jim Haller.

- 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: Committee received comments.

- 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.

- 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 May 14, 2015.

Committee action: Committee Member Carlin motion to approve, seconded by Committee Member Kausch, approved (4-0).

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

A. 1386 Slyvaner – applicant requests to remove one (1) liquid amber in front of house.

Committee Action: Committee Member Kausch motion to deny removal as the tree is not a hazard and is a healthy tree, seconded by Committee Chair Ortega, approved (4-0).

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. Presentation: Brown Act training and committee protocols overview.

Committee action: No action. Committee received presentation of training and committee protocols by City Clerk.

B. Discussion: water restriction impact on trees and parks.

Committee action: No action. Committee discussed water restriction and impact on trees and parks with Water Conservation Coordinator Jennifer Tuell.

C. Discussion: current tree issues and city enforcement solutions.

Committee action: No action. No discussion occurred as City Clerk informed Committee that the item that was agendaized was too broad for an open discussion, will be brought back next meeting with a clearly identified description of what is to be discussed on the item.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Tree Committee on July 9, 2015.
