

Tree Committee Members:
Edie Kausch-Chair
Scott Freeland-Vice Chair
Carol Troy
Matthew Strauss
Susan Smith-Allen-Alternate
Joan Westgate-Alternate

MINUTES
ST. HELENA TREE COMMITTEE
ST. HELENA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM
1480 MAIN STREET, ST. HELENA
Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 11, 2016
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. ROLL CALL @ time: 3:34 PM

Present: Kausch, Freeland, Troy, Smith-Allen, Westgate

Absent: Strauss

City Staff: Maintenance Manager Carlos Uribe, Public Works Admin Chrissy Cook, City Arborist Jim Haller

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*

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.*

- *2 trees dead on Beaver Road, lower reservoir. Britton will do removal as hazardous.*
- *1 liriodendron in Baldwin Park is drought stressed. Parks dept. is going to try and add a little more water.*
- *Elm trees in Lyman Park have received beetle treatment, will take more time for the treatment to take place*

2. 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 July 14, 2016.

Committee Action: *Approved minutes*

Committee member Kausch motioned to Approve seconded by Freeland and approved (4-0, Committee Member Troy abstained).

3. PERMITS TO BE REVIEWED:

A. 1325 Andrea. Plant 4 Crepe Myrtles in space between existing sidewalk and curb.

Committee Action: *Approved permit*

Committee member Allen motioned to Approve seconded by Troy and approved (4-0, Committee Chair Kausch recused herself).

4. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. **Discussion:** Planting 2nd generation Valley Oaks inside Lyman Park (1480 Main St). Plan for Valley Oaks to eventually replace existing Elm trees that are in declining health. City to provide a map of the park and the Tree Committee will begin developing a plan for planting.

Committee Action: *No Action*

➤ *Haller to provide list of native deciduous trees. Committee may schedule special meeting before his retirement for a walk about in Lyman Park to view Dutch Elm diseased trees.*

B. **Discussion:** City Staff to provide an update on current mitigated trees and outstanding tree permits.

Committee Action: *No Action*

➤ *Ask St Helena Star to do a story about the mature trees around town. Locate and photo sample trees*

5. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- **View and discuss abatement letter**
- **Address dead trees in ROW**
- **Schedule a special meeting to walk through Lyman Park with Haller**

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn at 4:30 PM

****Note: Carol Troy adjourned at 4:14 PM****

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Eddie Kausch, Chair

Maintenance Manager, Carlos Uribe