

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, September 8, 2016
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL @ time: 3:35

Present: Edie Kausch, Susan Smith-Allen, Joan Westgate, Matthew Strauss

Absent: Scott Freeland, Carol Troy

Staff: Maintenance Manager Carlos Uribe, 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: Received comments from public.

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.*

- **Oath:** Swearing in of new Committee Member Matthew Strauss by City Clerk Cindy Black.
- **Training:** City Clerk Cindy Black to provide Committee Brown Act training.
- Tree grate installation to begin on Main St, with tree planting to follow.

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 August 11, 2016.

Committee Action:

Committee member Edie Kausch motioned to approve seconded by Joan Westgate and approved (3-0).

3. **PERMITS TO BE REVIEWED:**

B. 2550 Spring Mountain Rd. City of St Helena Lower Reservoir. Remove (1) one Valley Oak and (2) two Live Oaks to provide access for required core sampling related to the regulatory seismic stability of the Lower York Creek Dam.

Committee Action:

Committee member Edie Kausch motioned to approve seconded by Matthew Strauss and approved (3-0).

4. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

C. **Discussion:** Site visit of Lyman Park 1480 Main St. planting of 2nd generation Valley Oaks inside Lyman Park 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.
Estimated time: 20 minutes

5. **TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Discuss the use of the \$2,000 mitigation tree replacement funds received from PG&E for tree replacements on Main St.
- Continue discussion of Lyman Park 1480 Main St. planting of 2nd generation Valley Oaks inside Lyman Park 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.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn at 5:08 pm, Susan Smith-Allen adjourned at 4:27 pm

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Edie Kausch, Chair

Maintenance Manager, Carlos Uribe