

Main Street Tree Plan

Approved at the March 13, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Saint Helena Tree Committee

- A) Definition of "Main Street Trees"
 - a. Trees on Main Street from Pine St. to the Sulphur Creek Bridge
- B) Arborist's Report
 - a. City Arborist Jim Haller recently completed a full inventory of Main Street Trees and their current health
 - b. See Attachment A for full report
- C) Tree Committee recommendations
 - a. Order and Number of trees replaced per year
 - i. Tree removal will be limited to a maximum of 6 per year
 - ii. Health of trees will dictate order and number of trees replaced each year
 - iii. No contiguous trees will be replaced in the same year unless they pose a public safety hazard
 - iv. Trees will be removed and replaced annually at the appropriate time deemed by the City Arborist
 - b. Replacement tree varieties
 - i. Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*) will be the preferred varietal until irrigation is established to the Main Street tree wells
 - ii. Once irrigation is established Chanticleer Pear (cultivar of *Pyrus calleryana*), Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) and Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) will be considered as varietal options
- D) Other Items Affecting Tree Health
 - a. City Arborist will enlarge tree wells where appropriate
 - b. Adjustment of trees or parking space locations to prevent damage to tree trunks or overhanging branches when possible
 - c. Tree pruning schedule
 - i. Routine pruning every 3 years
 - ii. Structural pruning for young trees as needed
 - iii. Pruning of hazardous or damaged branches as dictated by public safety concerns
 - d. Tree watering schedule
 - i. New trees will be watered weekly in summer for 3 years
 - e. Future Sidewalk Material Preferences
 - i. When constructing or repairing sidewalks on main street provision must be made for irrigation to existing and future public trees
 - ii. Anyone doing structural work on main street sidewalks will take into consideration the health and survivability of the trees
 - iii. Recommend each tree have a tree grate of no smaller than 48" x 48" and have a 3 foot surround of permeable sidewalk surface around the tree grate
- E) Public Outreach
 - a. Once a year (minimum) the Tree Committee will conduct a public outreach program to educate St. Helena citizens about the Main Street Tree plan and current health of existing trees. Ideally this program will be a part of the City's Earth Day or Arbor Day activities