

Tree Committee Members:

Susann Ortega-Acting Chair
Susan Allen
Kellie Carlin
Edie Kausch
Carol Troy

MINUTES
ST. HELENA TREE COMMITTEE
ST. HELENA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM
1480 MAIN STREET, ST. HELENA
Thursday, January 10, 2013
3:30 pm

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Susann Ortega, Susan Allen, Kellie Carlin, Carol Troy; Edie Kausch
Absent: None;
Staff: John Ferons, Jim Haller;

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 13, 2012; Approved with Revisions to correct errors and omissions;

3. PUBLIC FORUM: None

4. REPORTS BY STAFF AND COMMITTEE:

A. Staff reported on the 1325 Main Street, Orin Swift Tree and Stump removal; Tree committee placed the replacement tree specifications on the next agenda to re-open discussion;

5. PERMITS TO BE DISCUSSED:

A. None

6. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. Tree Committee; Chair & Vice-Chair Appointments; Six-month terms per by-laws:

Susann Ortega elected as Chair; Kellie Carlin elected as vice-chair;

B. Magnolia Oaks Landscape Plan Review; Per Project Conditions of Approval; Continued from previous meeting;

Discussion continued regarding the type and placement of landscape and irrigation;

- Phase 2 and 3 were discussed with Phase 1 having been approved at the December meeting
- Overall comment, no irrigation will be routed underneath existing oaks
- Bioswales will be shallow and not affect oak roots
- Big boulders will not be placed near oaks
- No changes proposed for the Park/No irrigation lines. Bioswale must be 10 feet away
- Specific revisions to be documented by project landscape contractor. Dev & Pacific Tree care agreed to write a contract for future maintenance and oversight. Trey is supposed to be on the site during trenching for drains, irrigation and bioswales.
- Plans approved with revisions

C. Proposed Tree Ordinance Revisions; City Councilmember Nevero request to prepare revised ordinance language;

Tree Committee appointed Susan Allen and Kellie Carlin as a sub-committee to begin work on a revised tree ordinance.

D. Tree Committee Goals for 2013; Discussion; Request by Chairperson Ortega;

Continued to next meeting.

7. TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

- A. Reopen discussion about Orin Swift replacement tree.
- B. Westamerica bank tree replanting
- C. Tree ordinance
- D. Tree committee goals
- E. Main Street tree planting

8. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion carried to adjourn to a regular meeting of the Tree Committee in the main conference room of City Hall located at 1480 Main Street, St. Helena, CA., February 14, 2013 at 3:30pm.