



**Design Review Board
Street Tree Subcommittee
Minutes - Unapproved**

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STREET TREE SUBCOMMITTEE

May 26, 2009
2:00 p.m.
Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, California

Members:

Chris Messner, Chair
Simon Herrera

Bob Wignot

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Messner at 2:00 p.m., at the City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Chris Messner, Chair; and Simon Herrera.

Member absent: Bob Wignot.

Staff present: Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager; and Linda Gregory, Recording Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Street Tree Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2009.

MOTION: Herrera moved, seconded by Messner, and carried by a 2 to 0 vote (Absent: Wignot) to approve the Street Tree Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2009, as amended.

NEW ITEMS:

None.

CONTINUED ITEMS:

A. Discussion regarding adding more tree species to the Recommended Street Tree List.

Member Messner stated that the speaker at last Subcommittee meeting, Bob Muller, Director of Research, Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, provided some very good comments. He believes that the list Bob Muller provided, entitled "Diversity of California's Urban Forests" will be a useful resource that can be reviewed when considering adding more tree species to the Recommended Street Tree List.

Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager, stated that the process with regard to adding more tree species for the purpose of diversity should include careful review of suggested species to determine the impact on the native forestry and whether the species would be appropriate for planting in this area.

Member Herrera requested Bill Millar comment with regard to whether there are native species that could be planted that would not require chemicals and would be chemically free trees. He noted that some residents may be allergic to chemicals that may spread even with a mild wind.

Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager, commented that there are other methods besides chemicals that can be considered. He also suggested not planting problematic species in parks or right-of-way areas.

B. Methods to conduct an outreach for community and professional input with regard to the process for updating the Recommended Street Tree List. (Item requested by the DRB on February 24, 2009).

Chair Messner stated that Member Wignot, who is absent today, was interested in participating in the discussion regarding Continued Item B.

Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager, stated that staff is receptive to ideas for consideration with regard to conducting outreach for updating the Recommended Street Tree List. He stated that the process for reviewing suggested tree species included determining whether the species is acceptable and also whether it is appropriate for plantings along streets, parkway strips, medians, or other usage.

Chair Messner stated that it would be good to have the Recommended Street Tree List, Nursery Standards and Planting Guidelines document on the City's website for the public's information.

Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager, stated that a new resident discussed planting some olive trees on Rothbury Place. He may suggest for consideration in the future adding non-fruit-bearing olive tree species to the Recommended Street Tree List. He also stated that five Chinese Pistache trees were removed from Coromar Drive, which may be appropriate for planting on Rothbury Place where the new resident suggested planting Olive trees.

INFORMATION ITEM

A. Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager, stated that the grant is still on hold, and that staff is ready to move forward, depending on budget discussions. He noted that many of the issues that have been discussed with regard to trees will be addressed in the Urban Forest Management Plan. He believes that the City is on a good path to be successful with regard to management of the urban forest in the future.

Chair Messner commented that the results of the satellite imaging assessment by NCDC of the City's canopy coverage was 19 percent.

Bill Millar, Parks and Open Space Manager, stated that 19 percent canopy coverage is very good because the canopy coverage was approximately 30 percent for other cities that were compared.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Messner stated the Continued Item A (Discussion regarding adding more tree species to the Recommended Street Tree List); Continued Item B (Methods to conduct an outreach for community and professional input with regard to the process for updating the Recommended Street Tree List); and Information Item A (Urban Forest Management Plan Update), will all be continued to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:23 P.M.