



**PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

Afternoon Session
4:30 P.M.
City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, California

***Members of the Public Tree Advisory
Commission***

Barbara Massey, Chair
Jeff Haight, Vice Chair
Kalie Brown, Commissioner
Lynn Kirby, Commissioner
Chris Messner, Commissioner

Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk
Steve Wagner, Public Works Director
Tim W. Giles, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Massey called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Massey, Commissioners Brown, Kirby and Messner
ABSENT: Vice Chair Haight

PUBLIC FORUM

Speakers:

Richard Foster addressed concerns that he had in regard to the use of non-profits in planting trees in the City of Goleta and provided a packet of information to the Commission and the public (on file) which included additional information and concerns as well as photographs of current and past plantings the he noted the City paid for at

the Terrace School and stated that most of those trees are dead and the ones that remain are rather stunted.

Ken Knight reported that Goleta Valley Beautiful has an excellent track record and noted that one of the ways that it is shown is with the success in how they have been able to reach out to the community and the support that Goleta Valley Beautiful has received back from the community.

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.1 Approval of the Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013

Recommendation:

Approve the Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2013.

Staff:

Deborah Lopez, City Clerk

MOTION: Commissioner Messner/Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 16, 2013.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes, Chair Massey, Commissioners Brown, Kirby and Messner, Noes: None, Absent: Vice Chair Haight

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

B.1 Public Works Manager's Report

Staff Speakers:

Bob Morgenstern, Manager, Public Works Department, provided a Powerpoint presentation on the City of Goleta's Young Tree Pruning Standards, state of the redwood forest at Stow Grove Park, trees pruned during the months of September & October, and Public Tree Advisory Commission budget (hard copy on file).

The Commission received the report.

C.1 Appeal Request

Recommendation:

Deny appeal of Mr. Valeriy Felmetsger and support Staff's decision not to remove bottlebrush tree in parkway at 246 Forest Drive.

Staff Speakers:

Steve Wagner, Public Works Director

Bob Morgenstern, Manager, Public Works Department

MOTION: Commissioner Messner/Chair Massey moved to grant a removal permit allowing for the removal and replacement of the bottlebrush tree in parkway at 246 Forest Drive with an acceptable 24" box tree from the City of Goleta's approved Tree List that also meets the City's adopted Nursery Plant Standards and a 5-year establishment period for that tree also directing that the cost to be paid for at the homeowners expense.. Additionally, if the applicant feels the nuisance factor of this is insufficient to warrant this expense than the tree shall remain as the tree is healthy and part of the Goleta's Urban Forest Canopy.

VOTE: Motion failed by the following voice vote: Ayes, Chair Massey, and Messner, Noes: Commissioners Brown and Kirby, Absent: Vice Chair Haight

For the record, Steve Wagner, Public Works Director clarified that because it is a 2-2 split motion, this would not grant the appeal for removal of the tree.

C.2 Final Revisions to Goleta Urban Forest Management Plan Draft Annual Report 2012-13

Recommendation:

Review and comments to the Goleta Urban Forest Management Plan Annual Report for FY 2012-2013 in preparation for finalization and submittal to City Council.

Staff Speakers:

Steve Wagner, Public Works Director addressed comments raised from comments received from Goleta Valley Beautiful and California ReLeaf (letters on file).

Bob Morgenstern, Manager, Public Works Department

Public Speakers:

Ken Knight, Goleta Valley Beautiful, acknowledged staff for the work done thus far and noted although it is a good Plan, it could be better. Mr. Knight also acknowledged the City's Arborist for being present at today's meeting. Mr. Knight

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raised additional concerns he had in regard to the Plan and its budget impact, and asked for clarification to understand what the actual budget impacts are and how they can be realized. Additionally Mr. Knight questioned the cost to televise the meetings of the Public Tree Advisory Commission (letter on file).

Richard Foster addressed mortality rates of trees in the City and requested that the Commission review the information provided to them at the meeting today.

MOTION: Commissioner Messner/Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the Goleta Urban Forest Management Plan Annual Report for FY 2012-2013 as revised at the Public Tree Advisory Commission meeting of November 20, 2013.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes, Chair Massey, Commissioners Brown, Kirby and Messner, Noes: None, Absent: Vice Chair Haight

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Prioritizations of future replacement and plantings in the unimproved areas and viability of those that have been planted
- Review of Street Tree list
- Tree Ordinance – to develop scope of the proposed ordinance

D. ADJOURNMENT AT 5:58 P.M.