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# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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November 18, 1985

Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Street Tree Task Force Appointments

### SUMMARY

Council has requested establishment of a temporary task force to review the twenty year elm reforestation and arterial street tree planting programs. This report requests Council appointment by attached resolution of seven people who have volunteered to serve for one year on the task force.

### BACKGROUND

City Council, by Resolution #85-675 on September 3, 1985, directed the Department of Parks and Community Services to establish a seven member Street Tree Task Force. The task force is to serve as a temporary public hearing body to review and make recommendations regarding the Elm Tree Reforestation Program and arterial tree plantings policies. Once these policies are approved by the City Council, a specific Street Tree Master Plan will be developed based on the adopted policy.

Staff has proceeded toward impaneling the task force by soliciting and screening applications. Fourteen applications were received and all fourteen applicants were invited to be interviewed, thirteen appeared (Exhibit A). On October 15 and 16, 1985, City staff Gene Robinson, Johnie Bramble and Martin Fitch, in addition to private arborist Randy Frizzell, interviewed thirteen candidates. The interview board asked a series of the same questions about attitudes and experiences relative to trees. The candidates responses were weighted by the board and through discussion the seven recommended board members were selected as superbly qualified. These board members will provide street tree policy guidance based on their tree knowledge, aboricultural experiences, horticultural experience, and diverse opinions on street tree management.

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Exhibit B provides the work plan for the Street Tree Task Force for the next twelve months. A final report is expected in December 1986.

FINANCIAL DATA

The task force will be volunteers who serve without compensation. Any incidental expenses will be paid from Tree Services operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION

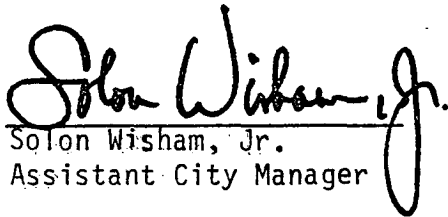
It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, appoint the seven members to the task force.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director  
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:



Solon Wisham, Jr.  
Assistant City Manager

All Districts  
December 10, 1985

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Attachments

# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

## RESOLUTION NAMING CITIZENS TO SERVE ON STREET TREE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the City Council by Resolution No. 85-875 on September 3, 1985, directed that a seven-person Street Tree Task Force be established, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk of the City of Sacramento posted announcements soliciting applications from interested persons to serve on the Street Tree Task Force, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Services has caused staff members and a consulting arborist to interview and screen all applicants,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following named persons are herewith appointed to serve without compensation for a time period of up to one year on the Street Tree Task Force:

- A. Citizens-At-Large  
David Herbert  
Charlsey Cartwright  
Jacob J. Jackson
- B. Horticulturists  
Pamela S. Bone  
Ray Tretheway
- C. Arborists  
Austin B. Carroll  
James A. Sweeney

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PARKS DIVISION

GENE ROBINSON  
Parks Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

October 24, 1985

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Thomas, Director

FROM: Johnie Bramble, Assistant Parks Superintendent

SUBJECT: Street Tree Task Force Applicant Interviews

On October 15 and 16, 1985, Gene Robinson, Martin Fitch, Randy Frizzell, and I interviewed thirteen applicants for the Street Tree Task Force. The applicants are listed as follows:

#### A. Citizen

1. Lisa Gonzales, 1441 Shirley Drive, Sacramento 95822, City resident
- \*2. Charlsey Cartwright, 820-23rd Street, Sacramento 95816, City resident
3. Dorothy A. Thomson, 818-17th Street #1, Sacramento 95814, City resident
- \*4. Jacob J. Jackson, 8770 Merribrook Drive, Sacramento 95826, City resident
- \*5. David Herbert, 2004 F Street, Sacramento 95814, City resident

#### B. Horticulturist

1. Marc Askew, 1850 Kubel Circle, Sacramento 95825, County resident
2. Daniel Pratt, 7723 La Reina Way, Sacramento 95822, County resident
- \*3. Pamela S. Bone, 6248 Woodcreek Drive, Citrus Heights 95621, County resident
4. George Dobbins, 2813 Elvyra Way #128, Sacramento 95821, County resident
- \*5. Ray Tretheway, 520 Garden Highway, Sacramento 95833, City resident

#### C. Arborist

- \*1. James A. Sweeney, 5192 Cabot Circle, Sacramento 95820, City resident
2. Roger Poulson, 7770 Chancery Court, Citrus Heights 95610, County resident
- \*3. Austin B. Carroll, 6940 Le Havre Way, Citrus Heights 95621, County resident

\*Appointed

WORK PLAN FOR STREET TREE TASK FORCETASK FORCE OBJECTIVES

The Task Force is expected to accomplish the following within a year:

1. Review and evaluate the City's 20-year elm reforestation program.
2. Review and evaluate the Tree Services arterial street tree planting program.
3. Submit a final report approving existing programs or recommending specific policy changes.

SPECIFIC MEETING AGENDAS

Meeting 1 - A welcome and introduction of staff (Thomas).  
Goals to be accomplished and charge given to the task force (Thomas).  
Presentation of task force operational by-laws (Robinson).  
Review of City street tree ordinance (Robinson).  
Elect Task force chairperson and vice-chairperson.  
Review and approval of the agenda for the year (chairperson).  
Chairperson to invite comments by the general public.  
Governed by Roberts Rule of Order.

Meeting 2 - Chairperson opens the meeting and reviews minutes of the first meeting.

Old Business

Presentation of the 20-year elm reforestation program. (Bramble, Eckels)  
a. Overview of total history and where we are to date.  
b. Give special emphasis to uncontrolled elm leaf beetles on private trees where there is no maintenance.  
Approval of task force by-laws (chairperson).  
Statement that for the next several meetings they will work towards a recommendation on the 20-year reforestation program (chairperson).

New Business

Chairperson opens meeting to new business and asks the public for any comments.

Meeting 3 - Chairperson opens the meeting and reviews minutes of the second meeting.

Old Business

Staff responds to any questions raised at prior meetings (Eckels).  
Staff offer tour if desired (Eckels).  
Chairperson continues the review and development of recommendations on the 20-year reforestation program.

New Business

Chairperson asks for any public comments and for any new business items to be considered at future meetings.

Meeting 4 - Continues the same as meeting #3.

Under old business though, a tentative final recommendation regarding the 20-year elm reforestation should be developed.

Meeting 5 - Chairperson opens meeting with a review of minutes of last meeting.

Old Business

Review and approval of a final recommendation of 20-year elm reforestation program.

New Business

Chairperson invites comments.

Meeting 6 - Chairperson opens meeting with reading of minutes of the last meeting.

Old Business

Chairperson indicates that this meeting is commencement of the second phase of the task force requirements, which is a review of the tree planting program along arterial streets.

Staff then presents the current City of Sacramento tree planting program (Eckels).

Staff identifies four major concerns for discussion by the task force (Bramble).

- a. Development of a monocultural planting of all the same species, street-by-street.
- b. Development of a canopy above the streets so that tree tops arch over and touch above the streets.
- c. If a planting plan is adopted, what will be the fate of existing trees which do not conform to the planting plan?
- d. How do we resolve the conflict when individuals along the arterial want a different species or no tree at all?

New Business

Chairperson invites comments from the public.

Meeting 7 - Continue discussions same as in meeting #6.

Old Business

Toward the end of meeting 7, develop tentative recommendations for street tree planting plans.

New Business

Set a recommended date to present the Street Tree Task Force report to the City Council.

Again, request any comments from the audience.

Meeting 8Old Business

Continue discussions with preparation of a final recommendation on the arterial tree planting program.

New Business

Finalize all recommendations that are going forward to the City Council and finalize a date to present these recommendations.

Chairman invites comments from the public.

Meeting 9

Presentation of final recommendations developed by the Street Tree Task Force to public at a public hearing.

Meeting 10

Staff (Bramble) presents to task force the final language draft of report going to Transportation and Community Development Committee. A committee presentation date is firmly selected at this point. The task force should also indicate any public input that either supports or opposes the task force position being presented to the Transportation and Community Development Committee. A secondary element of the report is to list any suggestions from the public that are not specifically relevant to this study. Any such suggestions could be handled as a separate exhibit for future consideration by the Transportation and Community Development Committee.

Meeting 11

Presentation of final report to the Transportation and Community Development Committee.

Meeting 12

Presentation of final report to the City Council.