



Special Meeting Minutes City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Commission

AGENDA

June 27, 2013

Historic City Hall Hearing Room 915 I Street, Sacramento

Call to Order – 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Harris, Interim Chairperson, at 7:05 p.m. Commissioners O'Toole, McKinley, Assagai, Harris, Malik, Mercado and Guadiana were present.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

1. None

Public Hearings

2. **Reconsideration of the Commission's Decision to Preserve Three City Street Trees at 1420 and 1510 16th Street**

Location: 1420 and 1510 – 16th Street, Council District 4

Recommendation: The request of the Director of Public Works to issue a tree permit to remove and replace three city street trees at 1420 & 1510 – 16th St. be approved.

Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forester, Department of Public Works, 808-6258

Joe Benassini, Urban Forestry Manager, reviewed the item and various streetscape design changes since the Commission last heard the item in May 2012. Testimony was received from the prior appellant Mr. Jacobsen, representatives from CADA who own the property, the project developer and landscape architect, nearby residents and representatives from neighborhood groups. The streetscape design, condition of existing street trees, planting plans and tree selection were discussed. Commissioners heard testimony that removing the three City street trees would allow necessary space for installation of stormwater planters, expanded sidewalks, and outdoor seating areas consistent with the 16th Street Streetscape, and that 22 trees will be planted and would more than mitigate the loss of the three existing City street trees. Commissioners also received testimony against removing the three trees and advocating that new trees should be a variety with a large shade canopy as opposed to conical in shape.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried to reconsider a decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission made on May 2, 2012 to preserve three City street trees at 1420 and 1510 16th Street. The request of the Director of Public Works to issue a tree permit to remove and replace three City street trees located at 1420 and 1510 – 16th Street including a Trident maple, Magnolia, and Valley oak, is approved.

(Guadiana/Mercado: Ayes: Assagai, McKinley, O'Toole, Harris, Guadiana, Mercado; Nays: Malik; Absent: Heitstuman, Shettle, Ruggieri, Dominguez)

3. Appeal of a Decision of the Director of Public Works to Issue a Tree Permit to Remove and Replace Two City Street Trees at 1020 16th Street

Location: 1020 – 16th Street, Council District 4

Recommendation: The appeal of the decision of the Director of Public Works to issue a tree permit to remove and replace two city street trees at 1020-16th Street be denied.

Contact: Joe Benassini, Urban Forester, Department of Public Works, 808-6258

Joe Benassini, Urban Forestry Manager, reviewed the item. Commissioners received information from representatives from the property owner, Starbucks Corporation, the project designer, and citizens. The appellant, Ms. Piner, was not present.

The development project, site conditions, condition of the trees and tree species, and tree replacement plans both at the site and at the Memorial Auditorium located within a City block were discussed. Commissioners received testimony that removing one City street tree would allow the necessary space for an accessible path of travel and an outdoor seating area with perimeter railing, and that the removal and replacement of a second City street tree on site would accommodate a new tree grate and expanded tree well and help mitigate the need for future sidewalk replacement. Additional trees are to be planted both on site and nearby at the Memorial Auditorium. Those opposed expressed concerns about businesses redesigning outdoor spaces over time, requesting to remove street trees and thereby resulting in a loss of shade canopy.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried the appeal is denied. The applicant shall be required to further mitigate the loss of tree canopy by arranging for the planting of a third new City street tree one block to the north of the project site at a location to be determined by the City's Urban Forest Services unit. (Assagai/Mercado. Ayes: Assagai, McKinley, O'Toole, Harris, Mercado, Malik; Nays: Guadiana; Absent: Heitstuman, Shettle, Ruggieri, Dominguez)

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

Commissioner O'Toole stated he enjoyed visiting Camp Sacramento, that it is an asset and worth a visit. Commissioner Assagai spoke to the McKinley Park Playground build and thanked Commissioner Harris for his dedication to the project. Commissioner Harris confirmed the Commissioner's regular meeting for July is cancelled.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori Harder

Lori Harder, Support Services Manager
Department of Parks and Recreation

Approved by:

Jeff Harris

Jeff Harris, Interim Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission