



**PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

5:30 PM
City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, California

Members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission

Jessica Altstatt, Chair
Ken Knight, Vice-Chair
Christine Hall, Commissioner
Karl Rider, Commissioner
Hugh Michaels, Commissioner

Luz "Nina" Buelna, Public Works
Director
Autumn Glaeser, Assistant
Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Altstatt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF THE PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.1 Approval of February 7, 2024 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

[Approval of February 7, 2024 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

[August 7 2024 PTAC Meeting Minutes](#)

MOTION: Vice Chair Knight/Commissioner Hall moved to approve the February 7, 2024 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider
Noes: None

A.2 Approval of October 15, 2025 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

[Approval of October 15, 2025 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes](#)

[October 15 2025 PTAC Meeting Minutes](#)

MOTION: Vice Chair Knight/Commissioner Hall moved to approve the October 15, 2025 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider
Noes: None

A.3 Streets Division Report

[Receive and file a report regarding Street Tree maintenance activities during September 2025 through January 2026.](#)

[26-053 Managers Report Street Division Feb 2026](#)

MOTION: Vice Chair Knight/Commissioner Hall moved to receive and file a report regarding Street Tree maintenance activities during September 2025 through January 2026.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider

Noes: None

A.4 Parks and Open Space Division Report

Receive and file a report regarding recent activities and initiatives in the Parks and Open Space Division.

26-054 Managers Report Parks and Open Space Feb 2026

MOTION: Vice Chair Knight/Commissioner Hall moved to receive and file a report regarding recent activities and initiatives in the Parks and Open Space Division.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider
Noes: None

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

B.1 Heritage Tree Nominations

Review and recommend to the contract City Arborist that the following trees be further investigated for Heritage Tree designation:

Australian willow (Geijera parviflora) at the Goleta Community Center (5679 Hollister Ave)

Spanish fir (Abies pinsapo) at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House (304 N. Los Carneros Road)

Brush cherry (Syzygium australe) at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House (304 N. Los Carneros Rd)

Moreton Bay chestnut (Castanospermum australe) at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House (304 N. Los Carneros Rd)

Western sycamore (Platanus racemosa) at San Jose Creek at Jonny D. Wallis Park (170 S. Kellogg Ave.)

Heritage Tree Nominations

George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager, provided a presentation titled, "Heritage Tree Nominations."

5:51 p.m. Vice Chair Knight recused himself from the meeting on the Heritage Tree Nomination agenda item.

6:41 p.m. Vice Chair Knight provided Public Comment.

6:54 p.m. Vice Chair Knight returned to the meeting.

Public Speaker:

Ken Knight made comments related to the Heritage Tree Nominations.

MOTION: Commissioners Hall/Michaels moved to approve and recommend to the contract City Arborist that the trees discussed be further investigated for Heritage Tree designation.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider
Noes: None

B.2 Selection of Meeting Date for 2026

Approve an additional meeting date for 2026 for the Public Tree Advisory Commission.

[Staff Report Selection of Meeting Date for 2026](#)

Imelda Martin, Management Assistant, presented the proposed additional meeting date for 2026.

MOTION: Chair Altstatt/Vice Chair Knight moved to approve an additional meeting date for 2026 for the Public Tree Advisory Commission.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following voice vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Knight, Commissioners Michaels, Hall, and Rider
Noes: None

C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Altstatt acknowledged Vice Chair Knight for being a stellar champion for trees in the community. Vice Chair Knight asked about Arbor Week activities in Goleta and announced a tree planting event. Vice Chair Knight also provided comments about the California Urban Forest Council; he announced a Heritage Tree Walk; and he announced an event at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

[D. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:02 P.M.](#)