



**PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

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

Members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission

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

Luz “Nina” Buelna, Public Works Director
Autumn Glaeser, Assistant Public Works
Director
Paul Medel, Public Works Manager
George Thomson, Parks and Open
Space Manager
Winnie Cai, Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Knight called the meeting to order at 5:36 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF THE PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

PRESENT: Commissioner Altstatt, Commissioner Michaels, Vice Chair Knight

ABSENT: Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Rider

PUBLIC FORUM

None

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.1 25-428 Parks and Open Space Division Report

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

Parks and Open Space Division Report

MOTION: Commissioner Altstatt/Commissioner Michaels to approve Parks and Open Space Division Report.

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

A.2 25-429 Street Maintenance Division Report

Receive and file a report regarding street tree maintenance activities during January through September 2025.

Street Maintenance Division Report

MOTION: Commissioner Altstatt/Commissioner Michaels to approve Street Tree Maintenance Division Report.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

B.1 25-432 Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair

Select the Chair and Vice Chair from among the members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission.

Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair

Staff Speaker: David Cutaia, Senior Deputy Clerk

Public Speakers: None.

MOTION: Commissioner Altstatt moved to nominate Commissioner Altstatt to Chair. Commissioner Michaels seconded the motion. Vice Chair Knight abstained.

VOTE: Commissioner Altstatt, Commissioner Michaels, Vice Chair Knight. Noes: None Absent: Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Rider

B.2 25-427 Heritage Tree Nominations

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

1. Australian willow (Geijera parviflora) at the Goleta Community Center (5679 Hollister Ave)
2. Spanish fir (Abies pinsapo) at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House (304 N. Los Carneros Road)
3. Brush cherry (Syzygium australe) at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House (304 N. Los Carneros Rd)
4. Moreton Bay chestnut (Castanospermum australe) at the Rancho La Patera & Stow House (304 N. Los Carneros Rd)
5. Western sycamore (Platanus racemosa) at San Jose Creek at Jonny D. Wallis Park (170 S. Kellogg Ave.)

Heritage Tree Nominations

This item was moved to a future agenda due to a lack of a quorum.

B.3 25-431 Selection of Meeting Dates for 2026

Approve Public Tree Advisory Commission meeting dates for 2026.

Selection of Meeting Dates for 2026

MOTION: Commissioner Michaels/Commissioner Altstatt to approve as amended the proposed dates and alternate meeting date with the exception of the last meeting date of November 11, 2026 which will be brought back to the Commission with a proposed alternate date.

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

C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

D. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.