



**PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 07, 2024**

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

Members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission

Jessica Altstatt, Chair
Lindsay Lucera, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Knight, Commissioner
Christine Hall, Commissioner
Kalia Rork, Commissioner

Charles W. Ebeling, 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

Chair Altstatt called the meeting to order at 5:41 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY

PRESENT: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Lucera, and Commissioner Knight.
ABSENT: Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Rork.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager, recommended Item B.3 Selection of Meeting Dates for 2024 be heard before Item B.1 Heritage Tree Nominations.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

ITEMS A.2 AND A.3 WERE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

A.1 Approval of the Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023

Approve the June 14, 2023 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes. Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023

MOTION: Vice Chair Lucera/Commissioner Knight to approve meeting minutes for June 14, 2023, Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting.
VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Lucera, Commissioner Knight. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioners Hall and Rork.

ITEMS A.2 AND A.3 WERE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

RECESS 6:05 P.M. – 6:13 P.M. DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

A.2 Street Maintenance Division Manager's Report

Receive and file a report regarding urban forest street maintenance tree trimming activities and projects during the third quarter of 2023.

Street Maintenance Division Manager's Report

Staff Speaker:
Paul Medel, Public Works Manager

MOTION: Vice Chair Lucera/Commissioner Knight to receive and file a report regarding urban forest street maintenance tree trimming activities and projects during the third quarter of 2023.
VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Lucera, Commissioner Knight. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioners Hall and Rork.

A.3 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

Staff Speaker:
George Thomson, Parks and Opens Space Manager

MOTION: Vice Chair Lucera/Commissioner Knight to receive and file a report regarding recent activities and initiatives in the Parks and Open Space Division.
VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair

Altstatt, Vice Chair Lucera, Commissioner Knight. Noes: None.
Absent: Commissioners Hall and Rork.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

B.3 Selection of Meeting Dates for 2024

Approve Public Tree Advisory Commission meeting dates for 2024.

Selection of Meeting Dates for 2024

Staff Speaker:

George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager
Alexis Andrade, Management Assistant

Public Speakers:

None

MOTION: Vice Chair Lucera/Commissioner Knight to approve with meeting dates for 2024 as follows: February 7, 2024, July 17, 2024 and October 16, 2024 and direct staff to return at the next meeting date with an adjustment to the December 4, 2024 alternative meeting date.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Altstatt, Vice Chair Lucera, Commissioner Knight. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioners Hall and Rork.

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

Staff Speaker:

George Thomson, Parks and Opens Space Manager, announced that due to a lack of quorum, Item B.1 Heritage Tree Nominations will be moved to the next meeting of the Public Tree Advisory Commission.

B.2 Selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair

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

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Staff Speaker:

Blake Markum, Public Records Specialist

Public Speakers:

None

MOTION Commissioner Lucera moved to nominate Chair Alstatt as Chair.
FAILED:

MOTION: Commissioner Knight moved to nominate Commissioner Lucera
as Chair.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair
Altstatt, Vice Chair Lucera, Commissioner Knight. Noes: None.
Absent: Commissioners Hall and Rork.

MOTION: Chair Lucera moved to nominate Commissioner Altstatt as Vice
Chair.

VOTE: Motion failed by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Lucera.
Noes: Commissioners Alstatt and Knight. Absent: Commissioners
Hall and Rork.

MOTION: Commissioner Altstatt moved to nominate Commissioner Knight
as Vice Chair.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair
Lucera, Commissioners Alstatt and Knight. Noes: None. Absent:
Commissioners Hall and Rork.

C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Knight made comments regarding the Urban Forrest Management Plan. Vice Chair Knight also commended the Beautify Goleta Program and expressed that he would like to see tree planting and tree care incorporated in social media outreach if possible.

Chair Lucera made comments regarding future discussions of the Urban Forrest Management Plan.

Commissioner Alstatt commented that she looks forward to the future implementation of the work plan related to grants for the Urban Forrest Management Plan.

D. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNED AT 6:32 P.M.