



**PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

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

This will be a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting in Council Chambers/Zoom  
State/local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing

***Members of the Public Tree Advisory Commission***

Jessica Altstatt, Chair	Charles W. Ebeling, Director of Public Works
Lawrence Hunt, Vice-Chair	Paul Medel, Public Works Manager
Christine Hall, Commissioner	George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager
Lindsay Lucera, Commissioner	Winnie Cai, Assistant City Attorney
Paul Saldana, Commissioner	

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Altstatt called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF THE PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Chair Altstatt, Vice-Chair Hunt, Commissioners Hall, and Lucera  
ABSENT: Commissioner Saldana

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Scott Pipkin, Director of Education for the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, called to advocate for the use of native plants as street trees as the City seeks to update street tree lists and its Urban Forest Management Plan.

Commissioner Alstatt acknowledged receipt of an email sent to the Commission, from Bill Shelor, as part of the public forum, and thanked him for his comments regarding a request for trees at Winchester II Park.

## **AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

Commissioner Alstatt requested Item A.2 – Parks and Open Space Division Report to be pulled for discussion.

### **A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A.1 Approval of the May 18, 2022 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

Approve the May 18, 2022 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Vice-Chair Hunt/Commissioner Lucera to approve the May 18, 2022 Public Tree Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Alstatt, Vice-Chair Hunt, Commissioners Hall, and Lucera. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Saldana.

### **ITEM A.2 WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A.2 Parks and Open Space Division Report**

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

Staff Speaker:

George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager

Public Speakers:

None

MOTION: Vice-Chair Hunt/Commissioners Hall and Lucera to receive and file a report regarding recent urban forest activities and initiatives in the Parks and Open Space Division.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Alstatt, Vice Chair Hunt, Commissioners Hall, and Lucera. Noes: None. Absent: Commissioner Saldana.

## **B. PRESENTATION**

### **B.1 West Coast Arborists, Inc. Street Tree Trimming Agreement Update**

Receive a status update on the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Tree Trimming and Tree Maintenance Services for Parkway Strips and Facilities.

Staff Speakers:

Paul Medel, Public Works Manager

George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager

Public Speakers: None

MOTION: Commissioner Hall/Vice-Chair Hunt Receive a status update on the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Tree Trimming and Tree Maintenance Services for Parkway Strips and Facilities.

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

## **C: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **C.1 Selection of Meeting Dates for 2023**

Approve Public Tree Advisory Commission dates for 2023.

Staff Speaker:

George Thomson, Parks and Open Space Manager

Public Speakers:

None

MOTION: Commissioner Hall/Vice-Chair Hunt to approve March 15, 2023, June 14, 2023, September 27, 2023, and November 15, 2023, with December 6, 2023 as the alternative, for the 2023 schedule of Public Tree Advisory Meeting dates.

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

#### **D. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hall stated that she was curious what form the communication from the city, regarding the advisory, administration, and management of the Urban Forest will take. George Thomson stated he was able to directly respond to Commissioner Hall's comment. Mr. Thomson affirmed the plan to address this question at the March 2023 PTAC meeting. Chair Altstatt stated she was sorry to hear about the passing of Dam Meade, and acknowledge how important he was to monarch butterflies in general, and as a wealth of information to the City. Commission Hall asked to second this remark by Chair Alstatt

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURNED AT 6:22 P.M.**