



City of Mountain View

Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

7:00 PM

Maple Room and Video Conference, 201 South
Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040

This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Commissioner Ronit Bryant, Commissioner Steve Filios, Commissioner Sandy Sommer, Vice Chair Joe Mitchner, and Chair Jonathan Davis

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval

M/S Mitchner/Filios - To approve the June 11, 2025 minutes.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Speaking virtually regarding meeting process, Heritage tree removals, and the Biodiversity and Urban forest Plan: Bruce England

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-1158 Cuesta Drive (Modesto Ash)

Urban Forest Manager Russell Hansen presented a report.

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

-Stefan Bittner

-Oscar Hernandez

-Leslie Friedman

M/S Sommer/Filios – To note in the minutes that the appellant has withdrawn their appeal and states that they intend to retain the tree therefore the Commission will not need to take any action.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

5.2 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-1158 Cuesta Drive (Liquidambar)

Urban Forest Manager Russell Hansen presented a report and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

-Alex
-Oscar Hernandez
-Stefan Bittner
-Leslie Friedman
-Rashmi

M/S Sommer/Bryant - To approve the appeal and overturn staff's recommendation for removal of one Liquidambar Heritage Tree at 1158 Cuesta Drive because the criteria for removal of the Heritage Tree under MVCC 32.35 (a)(2) regarding the necessity of removal to construct the improvements has not been met, and no other criteria for removal under MVCC 32.35 have been met.

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

6. COMMISSION/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, REQUESTS, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Director Marchant rovided an update on upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Bryant asked a question and Urban Forest Manager Russell Hansen answered regarding unhealthy trees in Centennial Plaza and other areas of the City.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.