



City of Mountain View

Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

7:00 PM

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:01 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/Bryant to approve the March 12, 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 the minutes and tree removals:
-Bruce England

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-1851 Appletree Lane

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

Speaking from the floor:
-David Chaw
-Patrice Horvath

M/S Bryant/Sommer - To approve staff's recommendation to adopt a Resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to Deny the Appeal, Uphold Staff's Decision, and Deny the Removal of Two (2) Heritage Trees at 1851 Appletree Lane, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum).

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

5.2 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-745 Lola Lane

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

Speaking virtually:

- Daniel and Li Wang
- Elaine
- Wanda Cheung
- Bruce England

M/S Sommer/Mitchner - To approve staff's recommendation to adopt a Resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to Deny the Appeal, Uphold Staff's Decision, and Deny the Removal of One Heritage Tree at 745 Lola Lane, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum).

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

5.3 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-573 Carla Court

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

Speaking from the floor:

- Wanda Cheung
- Resident
- Bill Lambert

M/S Bryant/Davis - To approve staff's recommendation to adopt a Resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to Deny the Appeal, Uphold Staff's Decision, and Deny the Removal of Two Heritage Trees at 573 Carla Court, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum).

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Bryant, and Chair Davis

No: 3 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Sommer, and Vice Chair Mitchner

M/S Filios/Sommer – To grant the appeal per section 32.35 section a3, this situation is one where the nature and qualities of the tree as a heritage tree, including its maturity, its aesthetic qualities such as its canopy, its shape and structure, its majestic stature and its visual impact on the neighborhood are not met.

Commissioner Sommer made a friendly amendment to recommend replacement of the tree with a large caliper specimen as determined by the Director in consultation with the City Arborist.
Commissioner Filios accepted the friendly amendment.

Chair Davis made the following friendly amendment to grant the appeal per section 32.35, section a3 because removal of the two trees at 573 Carla Ct. is warranted due to the negative aesthetic qualities, shape and structure of both trees. The Commission recommends replacement of the trees with larger caliper specimens as determined by the Director in consultation with the City Arborist.

Commissioner Filios accepted the friendly amendment.

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Filios, Commissioner Sommer, and Vice Chair Mitchner

No: 2 - Commissioner Bryant, and Chair Davis

5.4 Mountain View Whisman School District Outdoor Learning Project

Carducci Associates Senior Project Manager George Loew and Associate Project and Community Development Manager Karly Behnckle provided a presentation, answered the Commission's questions, and received the Commission's feedback.

Speaking virtually:

-Bruce England

-Mary Dateo

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

Assistant Community Services Director Kristine Crosby provided updates regarding:

-Recreation events

-Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center grand opening and updated operational hours

-Magical Bridge performances

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:06 p.m.