



City of Mountain View

Minutes - Draft

Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

Wednesday, May 14, 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 7:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Filios's absence was unexcused.

Present 4 - Commissioner Ronit Bryant, Commissioner Sandy Sommer, Vice Chair Joe Mitchner, and Chair Jonathan Davis

Absent 1 - Commissioner Steve Filios

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval

M/S Bryant/Sommer - To approve the April 9, 2025 minutes.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Speaking from the floor regarding audio and green infrastructure:

-Bruce England

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-2420 Villa Nueva Way

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

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

-Jose Marquez

-Felipe Landa

-Bruce England

M/S Sommer/Bryant - 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 2420 Villa Nueva Way, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum). The resolution in Attachment 1 should be updated to reflect City Code 32.35 in paragraphs one and three.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

5.2 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-500 West Middlefield Road

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

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

-Joe Mulcahy
-Robert Klein
-Bruce England
-April Webster

M/S Mitchner/Sommer - To deny the appeal, uphold staff's decision and deny the removal of tree #1 at 500 West Middlefield Road, identified in the memorandum dated May 14, 2025, because the criteria under MVCC 32.35 with respect to tree #1 have not been met sufficiently to justify removal;
and approve the appeal and overturn staff's recommendation and allow for removal of tree #3 at 500 West Middlefield Road as identified in the memorandum dated May 14, 2025 because one or more of the criteria under MVCC 32.35 has been met, specifically:

1. The condition of the tree with respect to age of the tree relative to the life span of that particular species, disease, infestation, general health, damage, public nuisance, danger of falling, proximity to existing or proposed structures, and interference with utility services.
2. Good forestry practices such as, but not limited to, the number of healthy trees a given parcel of land will support and the planned removal of any tree nearing the end of its life cycle and the replacement of young trees to enhance the overall health of the urban forest.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

5.3 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-5 Forest Glen Street

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

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

-Selena Gillette
-Bruce England

M/S Bryant/Sommer - 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 5 Forest Glen Street, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum). The resolution in Attachment 1 should be updated to reflect City Code 32.35 in paragraph one and three.

Yes: 4 - Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

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

Community Services Director John Marchant updated the Commission on the following:

- Capital Improvement Program
- Special Events
- Rengstorff Park maintenance building and restrooms opening
- Evelyn Park Grand Opening
- Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

The Commission provided feedback on the following:

- Council Finance Committee
- Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.