



City of Mountain View

Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:00 PM Video Conference with No Physical Meeting Location

This meeting was conducted in accordance with City of Mountain View City Council Resolution No. 18618 in accordance with Assembly Bill 361. All members of the Parks and Recreation Commission participated in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mitchner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

3.1 Minutes Approval

M/S Bryant/Filios - To approve the November 10, 2021 minutes.

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

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Tree Appeal - 1430 Mercy Street

Forestry Coordinator Feisthamel presented a report and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor:

- Cheryl Chang
- Henry Tu
- Mark Brown
- Leslie Friedman
- Nancy Stuhr
- Mary Tabor
- Matt Grunewald

M/S Bryant/Sommer - To make a finding that the criteria for removal set forth in section 32.35 has not been met and to adopt a resolution approving the appeal and overturning staff's decision.

Commissioner Sommer moved to amend to the motion to provide the following findings: The tree provides benefits to both the property and the neighborhood in terms of its aesthetic quality such as its canopy, its shape and structure, its majestic stature and visual impact. No improvements are proposed and even with the tree's retention, the property owner is afforded reasonable and conforming use of the property when compared to other similarly situated properties and the effect of the requested removal would be detrimental with regard to shade, noise buffers, protection from wind damage and air pollution, and the historic value, scenic beauty and health, safety, and prosperity of the general area.

Commissioner Bryant did not accept the amendment and the Commission voted on the original motion.

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

5.2 Park Land Dedication Fund and Park-Related Projects Midyear Update for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Senior Management Analyst Lindsay Wong presented a report and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor representing Green Spaces Mountain View

- Bruce England

6. PRESENTATION

6.1 Community Tree Master Plan Update - Next Steps

Community Services Director Marchant and Assistant Community Services Director Sylvia provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking from the floor representing Green Spaces Mountain View

- Bruce England

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

The Commission acknowledged Commissioner Herbach's service to the PRC.

Community Services Director Marchant updated the Commission on the following:

- Special events
- Monta Loma community meetings
- Department staffing

Assistant Community Services Director Sylvia updated the Commission and answered questions regarding the following:

- Google grant opportunity
- Cuesta Pollinator Habitat

Executive Assistant Allison Flynn updated the Commission on updated posting procedures.

Commissioner Bryant complimented the City on the Tree Lighting event, thanked the City for the Fayette Greenway signage and asked questions regarding the School District's proposed security system.

Commissioner Filios commended the City on the teen wellness retreat.

Commissioner Herbach asked a question regarding the monthly report.

Chair Mitchner commented on the Heritage Tree appeal process.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mitchner adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.