



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes - Draft

### Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

7:00 PM

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

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**This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.**

#### **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 Bryant/Mitchner - To approve the May 14, 2025 minutes.

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

**Abstain:**         1 - Commissioner Filios

#### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Speaking virtually regarding updated Heritage Tree Appeal fees.

#### **5. PRESENTATION**

##### **5.1 Annual Canopy Update**

Canopy Executive Director JP Renaud, Aubrey Knier, and Evany Wang provided a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking virtually:

-Bruce England

-Dan Shane

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal-1580 Meadow Lane**

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

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

- Brad & Tuan Green
- Carson Chen
- Bruce England
- Dan Shane

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 (1) Heritage Tree at 1580 Meadow 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

### **6.2 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal - 2424 Whitney Drive**

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

Speaking from the floor virtually:

- Cameron Humphrey
- Bruce England
- Hugo Morales

M/S Sommer/Filios - To approve the appeal and overturn staff's recommendation for one Heritage Tree (s) at 2424 Whitney Drive because the following criteria under MVCC 32.35(a) have been met, specifically:

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.

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.

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 Filios, Commissioner Sommer, Vice Chair Mitchner, and Chair Davis

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Bryant

### **6.3 Budget and Capital Improvement Program Updates**

Senior Management Analyst Lindsay Wong provided an update and answered the Commission's questions.

Speaking virtually:

- Bruce England

**6.4 Fiscal Year 2025-26 Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry  
Board Work Plan**

Community Services Director Marchant presented a report and answered the Commission's questions.

M/S Mitchner/Bryant - To approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Parks and Recreation and Urban Forestry Board Work Plan (Attachment 1 to this memorandum) to be forwarded to the City Council for approval, with the following changes:

Add Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget and Park Land Fund Capital Improvement Project Commitments in April 2026.

Add Annual Recent Park Design Evaluation in April 2026.

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

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

Community Services Director Marchant provided an update on Recreation special events and programming.

Commissioner Bryant asked a question and Director Marchant answered regarding the Google Landings project.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.