



# City of Mountain View

## Minutes - Draft

### Parks and Recreation Commission and Urban Forestry Board

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:00 PM

Plaza Conference Room and Video Conference,  
500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

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This meeting was conducted with a virtual component.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

#### 3. MINUTES APPROVAL

##### 3.1 Minutes Approval

M/S Bryant/Mitchner - To approve the November 13, 2024 minutes.

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

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal - 1569 Alison Avenue

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

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

- Jingfan Sun
- Hala Alshahwany
- Silja Paymer
- Bruce England
- Rashmi
- Maya Sahai
- Sunil Ahuja

M/S Davis/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 (1) Heritage Tree at 1569 Allison Avenue, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the memorandum).

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

Chair Sommer recused herself from Item 5.2 due to the proximity of her personal residence to 697 Pettis.

**5.2 Heritage Tree Removal Application Appeal - 697 Pettis Avenue**

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

Speaking from the floor and/or virtually:

- Leslie Friedman
- Sunhil Ahuja
- Hala Alshahwany
- Jonathan Clark
- Cornelia Haber
- Susan Barken
- Nancy Stuhr
- Resident
- Maureen Blando
- Bruce England
- Ann McKillop
- Robert Cox
- Silja Paymer
- Rashmi
- Maya Sahai
- Leslie Choong
- Louise Katz

M/S Bryant/Mitchner - To adopt a resolution of the Urban Forestry Board of the City of Mountain View to accept the appeal, deny staff's decision to approve the removal of one Heritage Tree at 697 Pettis because the conditions for the Heritage Tree Ordinance of the City of Mountain View have not been met.

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

**Recused:** 1 - Chair Sommer

Chair Sommer returned to the meeting for Item 6.

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

- John Marchant provided update on
- The City's holiday closure
  - Recreation special events and programming
  - Rengstorff Aquatics Center opening
  - Magical Bridge Playground opening

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Sommer adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.