



City of Coronado
Street Tree Committee

**Minutes for Meeting of
December 13, 2012**

Meeting Location: Public Services Conference Room

Members Present: Caroleen Williams, Chair Nancy Cuddy, Resident
Marvin Heinze, Vice Chair Shannon Player, Resident
Jess Culpeper, Advisor Don Hale, Resident

Members Absent: None

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 1, 2012 meeting were approved, as amended, with motion by Caroleen Williams, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with five yeas.

Oral Communication

1. Shannon Player posed questions about a voting procedure for the Historic Resource Commission (HRC). The Street Tree Committee members would like to know how it applies, if at all, to the Street Tree Committee and would like a copy of the rules pertaining to this procedure.
2. Mrs. Richardson, a Coronado resident, contacted Nancy Cuddy about the City's current approved street tree list, saying the list is too restrictive and there are not enough trees from which to choose. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have communicated their interest in trees with City staff, sharing ideas and suggestions for diversifying the tree selection in Coronado. The Committee suggested City staff provide recommendations for additional trees to the Street Tree Committee. Shannon Player suggested a subcommittee to discuss the topic of diversifying the tree list.

3. Nancy Cuddy spoke of the Arlington County, Virginia, tree preservation ordinance on specimen trees and their Champion tree program, which is similar to the City's Heritage Tree Program.

REPORTS

1. **Status update regarding clean up around the ground area of the Moreton Bay Fig Heritage tree located adjacent to Star Park** – Jess Culpeper said the homeowner at 1112 Flora Avenue, Smokey Bayless, will assist the City with whatever needs to be done. Mr. Bayless would like to see the City arborist's tree evaluation for the Moreton Bay Fig and know what the benefits are to having the foliage and irrigation removed. City staff will perform the tree evaluation and continue to follow-up on this report.
2. **Status of new Heritage Trees** – Staff said the Heritage Tree section on the City's website was updated to include both Italian Stone Pine trees located on private property at 731 I Avenue and 1027 Adella Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion regarding possible removal of the *Bauhinia blakeana* Hong Kong Orchid and the *Rhus lancea* African Sumac from the approved street tree list** – Both Shannon Player and Marv Heinze think both trees should remain on the list. The structural pruning needs to begin sooner, since both trees grow very fast and City staff should provide more timely maintenance.
2. **Yucca plants at 465 Palm Avenue** – Jess Culpeper has not received further information from the contractor or resident. Shannon Player motioned for the City to approach the resident, offering to remove the Yuccas and plant trees in their place on Arbor Day. The motion was seconded by Nancy Cuddy. Marvin Heinze suggested a different approach. After further discussion, the motion to remove the Yuccas was denied with one year and four days.
3. **Diane Cervantes (711 Cabrillo Avenue) requests the removal of one Melaleuca tree in front of 701 Cabrillo Avenue** – Jess Culpeper has not received a response from the homeowner at 701 Cabrillo Avenue. Marv Heinze motioned to defer this item for one more month, at which time the Committee will revisit the original request for removal and consider a decision. The motion was seconded by Shannon Player, with five years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Jordine Skoff Von Wantoch requests the removal of one Brazilian Pepper tree in front of 444 Glorietta Boulevard** – The request was approved with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Marv Heinze, and with five years. The City will remove and replace the tree.

2. **Margaret West requests the removal of two Magnolia trees in front of 1514 Maria Place** – The request was denied, with motion by Marv Heinze, seconded by Shannon Player, and with five yeas. The homeowner will be notified by letter stating the good health of both trees and recommending the trees be removed in order to help the trees.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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City of Coronado
Street Tree Committee Chairperson

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