



City of Coronado
Street Tree Committee

**Minutes for Meeting of
February 7, 2013**

Meeting Location: Public Services Conference Room

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

Members Absent: Caroleen Williams, Chair
Don Hale, Resident

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 13, 2012 meeting were approved, as amended, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas.

Oral Communication

1. Bob Lindsay said that almost one-third of the Cedar trees along the Orange Avenue median are in really bad shape, however, the Afghan Pines are doing great. Two new cedars located near Bank of America, Moo Time, and Island Surf were planted about a year ago and now look almost dead. Members discussed with Jess Culpeper the previous attempts to improve the health of the trees by thinning them, which did not prove successful. Possible solutions were discussed, including a program to replace the existing Cedars with other Cedars or Afghan Pines and adhering to the ISA standards for maintenance in hopes that the trees' condition will improve. Bob Lindsay also mentioned one Cedar tree located on Second Street that he would like to have nominated as a Heritage Tree.
2. Bob Lindsay mentioned tree branches that have fallen at Spreckels Park. Jess Culpeper said one large Eucalyptus branch fell last night and Bob said he noticed two large dead

branches on one of the trees across from the church. West Coast Arborists will be performing annual trimming of those trees next week.

3. Jess Culpeper distributed handouts to the Committee members from Mr. Dave Richardson, Coronado resident. He explained Mr. Richardson's ideas and interests, such as expanding the selection of trees on the City's approved street tree list, web mapping of both private and public trees, and tree tours.
4. Jess Culpeper clarified voting procedures for the Historic Resource Commission and how/if it affects the Street Tree Committee.
5. Laura Gerszewski distributed a Flower Show checklist to the Committee members.

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 showed the Committee members pictures of the cleanup and provided progress information. Thanks to the cooperation and hard work of Mr. Bayless, the cleanup is complete. There was some discussion about whether the palms would remain and if perhaps one, or some, could be removed in the future. Marv Heinze and the Street Tree Committee would like to express thanks to Mr. Bayless.
2. **Status update on Street Tree Committee member requests** – Jess Culpeper gave updates on all items as listed below:
 - A. **1037 Adella Avenue – Removed trees replaced with baby palms** – Everyone viewed the pictures. Jess Culpeper will work with the resident to ensure a tree is planted there, in lieu of the palm. Marv Heinze suggested centering out and asked if Jess would continue to work with the residents.
 - B. **On-site tree inspections with Community Development** – Don Hale wanted to be sure the process is happening and Jess Culpeper assured that it is.
 - C. **1130 Pine Street – Eucalyptus above-ground roots cut to stumps** – The main roots were chopped without authorization from the City. A letter has been sent to the homeowners. City staff will keep the Committee members posted on this item.
 - D. **921 Coronado Avenue – Removed trees have not yet been replaced** – A letter has been sent to the homeowners. City staff will keep the Committee members posted on this item.
 - E. **436 Glorietta Boulevard – Tipuana Tipu tree with exposed roots** – City staff will send a letter to the homeowners asking them to water the tree.

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** – Marv Heinze, Shannon Player, and Nancy Cuddy agreed that this item can be closed for now and they will bring it up later if anyone wants to address it.
2. **Diane Cervantes (711 Cabrillo Avenue) requests the removal of one Melaleuca tree in front of 701 Cabrillo Avenue** – The request was denied, with motion by Marv Heinze, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas. The tree is healthy and does not meet the criteria for removal, as set forth by the Tree Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **James Gordon requests the removal of one Brazilian Pepper tree in front of 205 I Avenue** – The request was denied with motion by Marv Heinze, seconded by Shannon Player, and with three yeas. The request cannot be approved as submitted, as the reason stated does not meet the criteria for removal, as set forth by the Tree Master Plan. If the removal were part of a landscape renovation, a resubmitted request could be considered for approval, contingent upon replacing the tree with two new trees and irrigation.
2. **Mike and Julie Cox request the removal of one Olive tree in front of 521 Country Club Lane** – The request was approved, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas. Upon evaluation it was found that the tree is dead and should be removed.
3. **Michael and Susan Kidd request the removal of one Queen Palm tree in front of 1000 Alameda Boulevard** – The request was approved, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Marv Heinze, and with three yeas. The palm will not be replaced because it is directly under power lines.
4. **Mary Borojevich requests the removal of one American Sweet Gum tree in front of 911 D Avenue** – The request was denied, with motion by Marv Heinze, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas. The tree is healthy, poses no hazard and does not meet the criteria for removal, as set forth by the Tree Master Plan., specifically in regards to leaf and fruit litter.
5. **Carolyn Elledge requests the removal of one Magnolia tree in front of 1244 Alameda Boulevard** – The request was denied, with motion by Marv Heinze, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas. Upon evaluation, the tree was found to be healthy. The Committee is unable to determine whether it meets the criteria set forth by the Tree

Master Plan because no sufficient evidence was provided to support the claim that the tree is the direct cause of sewer problems.

6. **Parkway area encroachment permitting by the Engineering Department** – Jess Culpeper said Engineering will come to April’s Street Tree Committee meeting to provide more information on their process for encroachments and improvements and answer questions from the Committee members. Marv Heinze said the Street Tree Committee would like to know what the rules are, how Engineering oversees these rules, and what they do about violations.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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City of Coronado
Street Tree Committee Chairperson

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