



City of Coronado  
Street Tree Committee

**MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF  
JANUARY 9, 2014**

**Location: Coronado Public Services  
101 B Avenue  
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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**PRELIMINARIES**

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marv Heinze, Vice Chair  
Shannon Player, Member  
Nancy Cuddy, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caroleen Williams, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jess Culpeper, Public Services Supervisor, Committee Advisor

STAFF ABSENT: Laura Gerszewski, Office Specialist, Committee Secretary

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the November 11, 2013 meeting were approved, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

- A. Coronado resident, Bob Lindsay, was present and expressed interest in looking at trees in Spreckels Park which may be good candidates for Heritage Tree designation.
- B. Nancy Cuddy asked if Bob Lindsay could assist with the process of determining the diameters of some trees along Country Club Lane which may be good candidates for Heritage Trees.

## **REPORTS**

1. **Street Tree Committee section updates on the City's website** – Jess Culpeper reviewed the most recent updates by City staff.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Deodar Cedar tree replacement** – Jess Culpeper and the Committee reviewed replacement tree options, such as the existing Deodar Cedar, Afghan Pine, and Atlas. Marv Heinze mentioned a prior replacement of one Deodar Cedar in the median at RH Dana Place with an Afghan Pine. The Committee discussed different factors relevant to tree maintenance and shaping, such as shearing and selective pruning practices. Based on his research, Jess Culpeper recommended keeping the Deodar Cedar, mainly for lack of seeing an alternate species that would be a “significant upgrade” to this tree. Shannon Player likes the Afghan Pine and thinks it is a much more suitable tree to be placed in the median than the Deodar Cedar. Nancy Cuddy said people like the Deodar Cedar; they just want trees that are healthy. Marv Heinze asked City staff to prepare a report assessing each trees’ overall condition and identifying which trees need to be removed. In addition, he suggested conducting an evaluation noting the different locations along the Orange Avenue median and how the micro-climates may influence the health and growth of the trees. The Committee agreed that the main goal is to have good, healthy trees.
2. **Approved Street Tree list expansion suggestions from Dave and Margaret Richardson – Catalina Ironwood (lyonothamnus florabundus), Flowering Ornamental Pear (Pyrus calleryana), Bronze Loquat (Eriobotrya deflexa), Marina Madrone “Strawberry Tree” (Arbutus ‘Marina’), and Crape Myrtle (lagerstroemia indica)** – Jess Culpeper reviewed his recommendations regarding each tree. Based on the information and recommendations, the decision to add the Flowering Ornamental Pear, Bronze Loquat, and Marina Madrone to the Experimental Street Tree list in Coronado was approved, with motion by Marv Heinze, seconded by Shannon Player, and with three yeas.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Sally Finch requests the removal of one California Pepper tree and one Podocarpus tree in front of the property at 860 H Avenue** – A correction was noted that only the California Pepper tree was considered for removal. The request was denied and City staff shall prune the tree in order to maintain its health, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Marv Heinze, and with two yeas. Nancy Cuddy abstained. The tree is healthy and does not meet the criteria for removal, as set forth by the Tree Master Plan.
2. **Trent Sisemore requests the removal of one Podocarpus tree in front of the property at 1314 Fourth Street** – A correction was noted that the tree being considered for removal was a Sycamore tree. The request was approved, with motion by Marv Heinze to remove and replace the Sycamore tree at the Homeowner’s expense, for the replacement to be a like-

sized tree from the approved list and with the condition that the owner box the removed tree for possible use elsewhere in the City. The motion was seconded by Nancy Cuddy, with three yeas. Upon evaluation, the tree was found to be in declining health.

3. **Dean Brown requests the removal of two Magnolia trees in front of the property at 345 Glorietta Place** – The request was approved, with motion by Shannon Player to remove and replace both trees at the City’s expense. The motion was seconded by Marv Heinze, with three yeas. Upon evaluation, both trees were found to be in declining health.
4. **Flower Show and Arbor Day preparations** – Dates and initial preparations were discussed in regard to both events.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Caroleen Williams  
Street Tree Committee Chairperson

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Laura Gerszewski  
Office Specialist, Committee Secretary