



City of Coronado
Street Tree Committee

**MINUTES FOR MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 6, 2014
Location: Coronado Public Services
101 B Avenue
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting was called to order at 2:42 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caroleen Williams, Chair
Shannon Player, Member
Nancy Cuddy, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marv Heinze, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jess Culpeper, Public Services Supervisor, Committee Advisor
Laura Gerszewski, Office Specialist, Committee Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting were approved, with motion by Nancy Cuddy, seconded by Shannon Player, and with three yeas.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION

- A. Coronado resident, Betsy Anderson, was present to express concerns regarding the view corridor area along the 100 block of Orange Avenue. Residents in the area are concerned that the existing trees will eventually block the view to the bay.
- B. Coronado resident, Robbins Kelly, attended the meeting representing Coronado MainStreet and their interest in the Deodar Cedar discussion.
- C. Coronado resident, Gloria Tierney, was present on behalf of eCoronado to listen to the Deodar Cedar discussion.

- D. Coronado resident, Bob Lindsay, was present and mentioned that he and Shannon Player identified six trees in West Spreckels Park which may be good candidates for Heritage Tree designation. He will bring proposals to the next Street Tree Committee meeting.
- E. Nancy Cuddy asked Jess Culpeper if he saw the recent article in the paper about a tree seminar. She will provide him with the information.

REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Deodar Cedar tree replacement** – Jess Culpeper briefly recapped last meeting’s discussion about possible replacement tree options being either the existing Deodar Cedar or Afghan Pine. City staff prepared a general rating survey report, which serves as a brief evaluation and general rating of the condition and inventory of all the Deodar Cedar and Afghan Pine trees currently existing in the Orange Avenue medians, and which identifies trees that need to be removed. Jess Culpeper presented a summarization of the report and restated his recommendations of an appropriate replacement tree, the Deodar Cedar, and a maintenance plan for naturally maintaining the trees as-needed, as opposed to shearing them into a specific shape. Coronado MainStreet discussed the Deodar Cedar tree replacement subject at one of their meetings and conveyed to Jess Culpeper and the Street Tree Committee their overall sentiment which concurs with Jess Culpeper’s recommendations. The opinion shared by a majority of the MainStreet members was that the Deodar Cedar trees have been on the medians for a long time and have served the community well. Nancy Cuddy inquired whether the City has an existing budget for these tree replacements. Jess Culpeper said that budget allocation will be reviewed in conjunction with the tree replacement policy, likely in accordance with the number of trees that would be removed annually. Based on the report, 18 out of the 36 existing Deodar Cedars are in need of replacement either immediately or very soon. Moving forward, diversity in age and generation of these trees is a very important factor in determining how many should be replaced at one time. City staff will draft a policy outlining a proposed replacement plan and will present this plan for review at next month’s Street Tree Committee meeting. Further discussion regarding this business item was deferred to next month’s meeting.
2. **Approved Street Tree list expansion suggestions from Jess Culpeper – Peppermint (*Agonis flexuosa*), Purple Leaf Eastern Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis* ‘Forest Pansy’), and Firewheel (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*)** – Jess Culpeper reviewed his recommendations regarding each tree. This business item was deferred to next month’s meeting.

3. **Flower Show and Arbor Day preparations** – The Committee members and staff discussed updates and preparation ideas for both events. Planning will continue through the next couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Cliff and Alice Skelton request the removal of one Tipuana Tipu tree in front of the property at 764 J Avenue** – The request was denied with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Caroleen Williams, and with three yeas. The tree is healthy and does not meet the criteria for removal, as set forth by the Tree Master Plan.
2. **Patrick Richardson requests the removal of one Brazilian Pepper tree in front of the property at 435 G Avenue** – The request was denied, with motion by Caroleen Williams, 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.
3. **Greg and Sheryl Munning request the removal of one Carob tree in front of the property at 225 H Avenue** – The request was approved, with motion by Caroleen Williams, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas. Upon evaluation, the tree was found to be in declining health.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Caroleen Williams
Street Tree Committee Chairperson

Laura Gerszewski
Office Specialist, Committee Secretary