



Tree Committee Minutes

April 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Council Hearing Room, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Tree Committee Members Present: Committee Member Alan Bate, Member Henry Bonifas, Member Emily Rosten, Member Sadie Weller, Vice Chair Elizabeth Lucas, Chair Daniel Canella

City Staff Present: Acting City Arborist Anthony Whipple, Deputy Director of Maintenance Greg Cruce, Deputy City Clerk Megan Wilbanks

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Tree Committee was called to order on April 25, 2022 at 5:35 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Bate

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion By Member Rosten

Second By Member Weller

To elect Daniel Canella to serve as Chair for a one-year term.

Ayes (6): Member Bate, Member Bonifas, Member Rosten, Member Weller, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chair Canella

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Motion By Member Rosten

Second By Chair Canella

To elect Elizabeth Lucas to serve as Vice Chair for a one-year term.

Ayes (6): Member Bate, Member Bonifas, Member Rosten, Member Weller, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chair Canella

CARRIED (6 to 0)

At this time, newly elected Chair Daniel Canella took over the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

4. CONSENT

Motion By Vice Chair Lucas

Second By Member Bate

To approve Consent Item 4a.

Ayes (5): Member Bate, Member Rosten, Member Weller, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chair Canella

Abstained (1): Member Bonifas

CARRIED (5 to 0)

4.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - MARCH 28, 2022 TREE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approve the Tree Committee Minutes of March 28, 2022.

5. TREE REMOVAL APPEALS

5.a 3701 S. HIGUERA STREET

Member Bate declared a conflict on this item and recused due to employment with PG&E.

The Applicant's representative, Michelle Borrero, provided a brief overview of the appeal and responded to questions raised.

Chair Canella opened the Public Hearing

Public Comments:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Canella closed the Public Hearing

Motion By Member Rosten
Second By Vice Chair Lucas

The Tree Committee denied the appeal and upheld the City Arborist's decision to deny removal of the tree. The applicant is encouraged to install a leaf guard on the gutter to mitigate debris buildup.

Ayes (5): Member Bonifas, Member Rosten, Member Weller, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chair Canella

Recused (1): Member Bate

CARRIED (5 to 0)

5.b 439 BRANCH STREET

Member Bate declared a conflict on this item and recused due to employment with PG&E.

The Applicant's representative, Jeremy Lowney, and the Applicant, Bart and Stephanie Schwan, provided a brief overview of the appeal and responded to questions raised.

Chair Canella opened the Public Hearing

Public Comments:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Canella closed the Public Hearing

Motion By Vice Chair Lucas
Second By Member Weller

The Tree Committee continued the item to a date certain, the May 23, 2022 Tree Committee Meeting, and requests the Applicant provide written documentation from Betty Aten, the owner of 430 South Street where the tree is located, showing their consent to remove the tree. The Applicants are also encouraged to provide documentation of the limb failure that occurred *after* the tree was last pruned and, potentially, prune the tree again.

Ayes (5): Member Bonifas, Member Rosten, Member Weller, Vice Chair Lucas, and Chair Canella

Recused (1): Member Bate

CARRIED (5 to 0)

6. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

6.a ARBORIST REPORT

Acting City Arborist Anthony Whipple provided an update of upcoming projects and activities in the Tree Division.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Tree Committee is scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

APPROVED BY TREE COMMITTEE: XX/XX/2022