

**Board Members:**

Leland Walmsley – Chair  
Julie Broughton – Vice-Chair  
Carol Terry  
Kathy Henry  
Lindsey Foucht



**Location:**

Council Chamber  
5775 Carpinteria Avenue  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
Time: 5:30 P.M.

**CITY OF CARPINTERIA  
TREE ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, November 5, 2015**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is a time for public comments on matters not otherwise on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Tree Advisory Board.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

Tree Tour – Discuss the various sites visited on the October 24, 2015 Tree Tour as listed below:

- 5641 Calle Pacific – Glossy Privet
- 5653 Calle Pacific – Glossy Privet
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- 4823 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Italian Stone Pine
- Parking Lot #1 - Carrotwood

**G. MATTERS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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**CITY OF CARPINTERIA**  
5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015**

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Walmsley called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**B. Roll Call**

Board members present: Chair Leland Walmsley  
Vice Chair Julie Broughton  
Board member Kathy Henry  
Board member Lindsey Foucht

Board members absent: Board member Carol Terry

Staff members present: Paul Medel, Public Works Supervisor  
Melissa Angeles, Engineering Technician

**C. Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

*Vice Chair Broughton entered the room at 5:35 P.M.*

Motion by Vice Chair Broughton, seconded by Board member Henry to approve the agenda of May 21, 2015 and the minutes of November 6, 2014 with a correction to the agenda date in section C of the meeting minutes. *Motion approved 3-0. Board member Foucht abstained from voting.*

**D. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**E. Old Business**

1. Update on tree removals, plantings, and watering

Paul Medel gave an update on tree removals and replacements. He informed the Board that the City has planted 38 trees this year. Twenty (20) Cork Oaks that were gifted to the City by Southern California Edison were planted on 8<sup>th</sup> Street behind the Middle School. Seventeen (17) trees have been removed including five (5) Oak trees and eight (8) to nine (9) Pines that were lost due to the Bark Beetle.

2. Update on Camino Trillado street trees

Paul Medel informed the Board that the Shamel Ash tree at 1329 Camino Trillado has been removed and will be replaced with a Chinese Flame Tree. The contract for the replacement of the curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway apron is currently being put together.

The tree at 1334 Camino Trillado will be retained at the request of the Camino Trillado residents. The lifted sidewalk was removed and temporarily replaced with asphalt. A steel plate will be installed on the street side of the tree instead of a concrete curb. The driveway apron serving 1334 Camino Trillado will be replaced as well.

## **F. New Business**

### 1. Introduction of new Board member, Lindsey Foucht

Melissa Angeles introduced Lindsey Foucht as the new Tree Advisory Board member. Mr. Foucht was welcomed by the Board and proceeded to give some background information on his education and credentials. He stated that he has never served on a board before and is excited to be able to serve the public.

### 2. Sanctuary Beach Condominiums – Discuss and give direction on the disposition of a tree in the City right-of-way at 4295 Carpinteria Avenue

Steve Goggia, Community Development Department Senior Planner, presented this item to the Board. Mr. Goggia stated that the project applicant for the Sanctuary Beach Condominiums is proposing a condominium development that would have an adverse impact on a Monterey Pine tree at 4295 Carpinteria Avenue. The concern is that when the buildings are constructed, 20 to 40 percent of the crown of the tree will need to be removed to allow for construction of the buildings. The City required the developer to provide an arborist report which states that the tree will be greatly affected by the construction. Additionally, a large amount of excavation will be required which will increase the negative impact on the tree.

Vice Chair Broughton stated that the tree is already stressed because of the drought and even if it were to be protected during construction, its health will deplete in the future.

Board member Foucht said that he looked at the tree and observed that it has already been greatly damaged by the trimming and pruning that has been done to it over the years. He is concerned that if 20 to 40 percent of one side of the tree crown is removed with additional root pruning, the tree will be destabilized and could fall over.

Vice Chair Broughton said that this type of tree does not recover well from excessive pruning.

Mr. Goggia said that the Architectural Review Board would like to see an Italian Stone Pine put in its place. Chair Walmsley stated that Italian Stone Pines are very problematic for many reasons. He said that utility companies damage the trees when trimming the canopy to clear the overhead utilities.

Mr. Goggia asked if a Sycamore tree would be a better fit because it has a nice canopy. Vice Chair Broughton reminded Mr. Goggia that Sycamores are deciduous and will not always have leaves. She agreed that the tree will have a nice canopy.

Board member Henry said that she likes the Monterey Pine and would hate to see it go but understands that the tree will be badly affected during construction.

Board member Foucht said that a 36 inch box Sycamore would be a good fit for the 5 foot parkway.

The Board would like to see an assessment done to the replacement tree sometime in the future to check on its well being.

*Vice Chair Broughton moved that the existing Monterey Pine be removed prior to construction or during construction and at the end of construction, a minimum of 24 inch box California Sycamore be planted in its place with a 3-year assessment and be replaced if needed. Motion seconded by Board member Foucht. Motion approved 4-0.*

### 3. Discuss Eucalyptus trees on Venoco property

Melissa Angeles asked the Board for their thoughts on the Eucalyptus trees that line the Venoco property behind City Hall. She stated that the trees are dropping a large amount of debris which is damaging City vehicles and equipment, creating lifts in the asphalt, and causing storm water issues. The City intends to contact Venoco to work together in coming up with a solution to address the overgrown trees but would like some feedback from the Board before doing so.

Vice Chair Broughton suggested that the total number of trees be reduced or at least a canopy reduction be done to each tree especially in the area closest to where the City vehicles park. She said that Venoco may want to consider having the trees assessed by an arborist to check on their health. The City could also consider parking the vehicles away from the trees if possible. Additionally, she said that if trimming or removal is chosen as the solution, it should be done during the non-monsoon season from September to December or January.

Chair Walmsley said that the City should let Venoco know what the concerns are and also inform them that Eucalyptus trees are highly flammable which should be taken into consideration because they are adjacent to an oil plant. He said that they can be put on notice due to public safety, health and welfare issues.

Board member Foucht suggested that in order to prevent over pruning, the City should provide Venoco a specific percentage of trees that should have a crown reduction.

The Board agreed that the City should be cautious when bringing up this conversation to avoid an overreaction which can lead to all of the trees being removed or over pruned.

### **G. Matters Presented By Staff**

No matters presented by Staff.

### **H. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

**The next regular Tree Advisory Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 20, 2015.**

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5775 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE TREE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015**

**A. Call to Order**

*Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting turned into a public discussion about the Heath Ranch Park eucalyptus trees lead by Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Roberts.*

**B. Roll Call**

Board members present: Board member Kathy Henry  
Board member Carol Terry

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# **TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

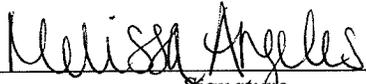
MEETING DATE: November 5, 2015

## **ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION**

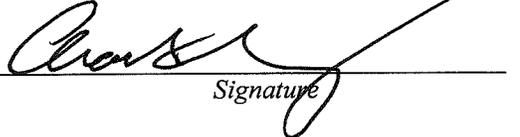
**Discuss the findings from the Annual Tree Tour**

Action Item:  Non-Action Item:

Report prepared by: Melissa Angeles  
Department of Public Works

  
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Signature

Reviewed by: Charles W. Ebeling, P.E.  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

  
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Signature

### **I. RECOMMENDATION**

That the City of Carpinteria Tree Advisory Board discuss its findings from the Annual Tree Tour and make a recommendation for each tree requested to be replaced to the City Council for their review.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

The City has a Tree Management Program relating to the planting, care, maintenance, removal, and replacement of trees, shrubs and any other plantings in public areas governed by Carpinteria Municipal Code (Chapter 12.28 CMC). Property owners desiring that a tree be removed or replaced within the public right-of-way fronting their property may submit a letter of request to the City seeking action. Public requests and City staff recommendations are received throughout the year.

Each October, to assist in its making recommendations, the Tree Advisory Board compiles a list of requests for tree replacements and schedules a site visit to see each tree i.e., the "Tree Tour". Trees identified in this process are marked and notice is posted in the newspaper indicating the dates of the site visit and subsequent public meetings. The Tree Advisory Board recommendations are then forwarded to the City Council for review. Property owners requesting tree removals have been encouraged to attend the Board meeting and the subsequent City Council meeting.

This year's Tree Tour was held on Saturday, October 24, 2015.

**Attachment A** – Tree replacement request list

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Tree Replacement Request List

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