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Absent: 15

Staff:

Present:

Call to Order

Committee Member Betsv Elliott

Chambers of City Hall, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito.

Assistant Planner, Alison Thornberry-Assef

Committee Member Ronald Reich

Vice Chair Bickford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council

Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Committee Member Reich moved and Committee Member Liddell seconded a motion to nominate Mary Lee Bickford to Chair the Trees & Views Committee. The motion passed 3-0.

SAUSALITO TREES & VIEWS COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 5, 2012

Draft Summary Minutes

Vice Chair Mary Lee Bickford, Committee Member Wingham Liddell,

Committee Member Liddell moved and Chair Bickford seconded a motion to nominate Ronald Reich to Vice-Chair the Trees & Views Committee. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Reich moved and Committee Member Liddell seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

April 5, 2012

Committee Member Liddell moved and Vice Chair Reich seconded a motion to approve the summary minutes of April 5, 2012. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comments of Items Not on Agenda None.

Public Hearings

1. TRP 12-141, Tree Removal Permit, Griffin, 47 Girard Avenue. Tree Removal Permit to allow the removal of one dying and hazardous Magnolia tree located on the rear of the property at 47 Girard Avenue (APN 065-103-31).

The public hearing was opened.

Assistant Planner Thornberry-Assef presented the Staff Report.

The public testimony period was opened.

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Presentation was made by Mary Griffin, the Tree Owner.

Committee question to Ms. Griffin:

Why would you like us to remove the Condition requiring a replacement tree be planted?

Ms. Griffin responded that the majority of the tree will be removed, but a small off-shoot would remain and she would like to work with the spur so that it grows into a full size, healthy tree.

The public testimony period was opened.

The public made no comments.

The public testimony period was closed.

Committee question to staff:

 What is staff's recommendation for a replacement tree? Staff responded their standard condition is the tree shall be replaced with a 24-inch box of a desirable tree species to be determined by the property owner.

Removal of Condition of Approval:

 The small spur is to remain, and the Condition for a replacement tree is removed.

Vice Chair Reich moved and Committee Member Liddell seconded a motion to approve a Tree Removal Permit for 47 Girard Avenue subject to the removal of the Conditions of Approval. The motion passed 3-0.

2. TRP 12-151, Tree Removal Permit, Casa Madrona, 801 Bridgeway. Tree Removal Permit to allow the removal of one Cottonwood tree located in the courtyard area of the Casa Madrona Hotel and Spa at 801 Bridgeway (APN 065-063-46).

The public hearing was opened.

Assistant Planner Thornberry-Assef presented the Staff Report.

The public testimony period was opened.

Presentation was made by Ashley Morgan, the Tree Owner representative.

 As an additional comment, Ms. Morgan stated that Casa Madrona is going through construction, and they would like to wait to plant the replacement tree when construction is completed.

Committee question to Ms. Morgan:

When would construction finish and the replacement tree be planted?
 Ms. Morgan responded that she anticipated being fully complete in one year.

The public testimony period was opened.

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The public made no comments.

The public testimony period was closed.

Committee comments:

- The Committee agreed that the replacement tree should be planted after construction is finished.
- Committee Member Liddell suggested that the replacement tree be either a Japanese Maple or Wild Lilac.

Modification of Condition of Approval:

• The replacement tree shall either be a Japanese Maple or Wild Lilac, and the timing for the replacement tree is to be changed from 60 days to one year.

Committee Member Liddell moved and Vice Chair Reich seconded a motion to approve a Tree Removal Permit for 801 Bridgeway subject to the modification of the Conditions of Approval. The motion passed 3-0.

Old Business None

New Business None

Staff Communications

- The Department of Public Works Tree Maintenance Activities-May/June 2012: The report is available for the Committee's review.
- The Committee would like to be in the Fourth of July Parade next year.
- The Committee would like to create brochures to educate the community on trees and Trees and Views Committee policies: Asked to add item to next agenda.

Vice Chair Reich moved and Committee Member Liddell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jeremy Graves, AICP Community Development Director Approved by Mary Lee Bickford Chair

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