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SAUSALITO TREES & VIEWS COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 4, 2010
Draft Minutes

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Bickford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 420 Litho Street, Sausalito.

Present: Vice Chair Mary Lee Bickford, Committee Member Betsy Elliott,
Committee Member Wingham Liddell,
Absent: Chair Grant Colfax, Committee Member Ronald Reich
Staff: Assistant Planner Alison Thornberry

Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Liddell moved and Committee Member Elliott seconded a motion to consider Item 1 at the end of the agenda or upon arrival of the parties involved. The motion passed 3-0.

Committee Member Liddell moved and Committee Member Elliott seconded a motion to continue the consideration of Item 2 (Discussion of Committee Procedures) to the meeting of December 2, 2010. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comments

None.

New Business

3. Staff Issuance of Emergency Tree Removal and Alteration Permits

Committee questions and comments to staff:

- If a tree is illegally trimmed or removed without a permit, what steps are taken to remedy the situation? *Staff responded the enforcement comes back to the Trees and Views Committee to review and determine proper fine amounts.*
- How does one get an unprotected tree to the status of protected? *Staff responded there is a process for the City Council to designate a tree with special significance as a "Dedicated Tree."*

4. Review of 2011 Meeting Calendar

Committee Member Elliott moved and Committee Member Liddell seconded a motion to approve the 2011 Meeting Calendar. The motion passed 3-0.

Communications

Committee Members

Staff – Vice-Chair Bickford's idea regarding an award or recognition for people with attractive yards and gardens will be put on the agenda for December.

1 **Public Hearings**

- 2 **1. TR 10-339, Tree Removal Permit, Matschullat, 77 Harrison Avenue.** Tree
3 Removal Permit for removal of one Coast Live Oak at 77 Harrison Avenue (APN
4 065-123-10).
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6 The public hearing was opened.
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8 **Committee questions to Staff:**

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 - 10 • Describe what has been determined regarding the tree. *Staff responded the*
11 *arborist has determined the tree is diseased and decayed and could be a*
12 *hazard.*
 - 13 • How old is the tree, how big is it, and who is the arborist? *Staff noted that the*
14 *arborist’s report indicated that the tree is, “38 inches in circumference, 12*
15 *inches in diameter, 30 feet high and has extensive decay at the tree’s base with*
16 *large sections of bark dead and falling off. The extensive decay has impacted*
17 *more than 30-percent of the circumference of the tree and it is a threat to falling*
18 *into the street.” The arborist was Lewis B. Grun (phonetic). The report was*
19 *completed on October 19, 2010.*

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21 **Committee comments:**

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 - 23 • One of the members of the Trees & Views Committee should look at the tree
24 and not rely exclusively on the arborist’s report. Each situation is unique.
 - 25 • Given that there are so many trees on this property and the owner wants this
26 tree removed, the Committee should go with staff’s recommendation.

27 **Committee Member Elliott moved and Vice-Chair Bickford seconded a motion to**
28 **approve a Tree Removal Permit for 77 Harrison Avenue. The motion passed 2-1**
29 **(Liddell – No).**
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31 **Approval of Minutes**

32 October 7, 2010
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34 **Committee Member Liddell moved and Committee Member Elliott seconded a**
35 **motion to approve the Minutes. The motion passed 3-0.**
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37 **Adjournment**

38 The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.
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43 Submitted by
44 Alison Thornberry
45 Assistant Planner

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43 Approved by
44 Mary Lee Bickford
45 Vice – Chair

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