



**A Meeting Of The Tree Task Force
Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 2008
Albany Community Center
EOC Room
1229 Marin Ave.
7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. Task Force Members present: Richard Trout, John Nemeth, Ed Adams, Joe Como, Bob Jones, Carl Wilmsen
Staff present: Tony Wolcott

2. Approval of Minutes:, 2008:

Motion:

Approval of the minutes of as corrected made by Member Jones and seconded by Member Adams.
Motion carried, all in favor.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Announcements/Communication: None

5. Discussion and possible action on matters related to the following items, which could include reports and/or proposed resolutions if any:

5.1 City Foresters report. Tony Wolcott discussed the procedures and costs to a homeowner or group to select and plant a tree. Cost to homeowner averages \$200/tree. Concrete cutting current price is about \$120 to cut and remove 12 square feet of concrete. Tree planting is a permit requirement with additions or major remodel. Re block captain idea for tree planting, many blocks are already organized for emergency preparedness, block parties, etc.

5-2. Vision statements (written statements by Members Trout and Adams) and verbal by others, were discussed. Commissioner Wilmsen volunteered to craft new statement synthesizing ideas in written statements and in members' comments.

5-3. Organization and Prioritization of Task Force. The proposed framework for organizing our work, based on a draft prepared by Member Trout, was discussed. It was generally agreed that this provided a workable framework for going ahead, and should be discussed further at the next meeting. Tony Wolcott recommended proceeding with short-term action plan of organizing as much planting as possible, so that residents would see evidence that city is moving forward with the tree program

Public Comment: none

6. Future Agenda Items: vision statement, organization and prioritization, letter re Ohlone Greenway, tree lists, block organization.

7. Adjournment: 9:00 PM