



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION - MINUTES

1000 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

Thursday, October 12, 2023

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – 7:00 PM**
 Commissioners present: Abbott, Chen (arrived at 7:01), Kent, Marten, Sainburg
 Commissioners absent: Chang Frank, Oji
 Staff present: Jamira Johnson, Public Works Administrative Assistant
 Mark Hurley, Public Works Director/City Engineer

The Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021, was read.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 14, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 regular meeting as presented was made by Commissioner Abbott and seconded by Chair Kent.

AYES: Abbott, Chen, Kent, Marten

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Sainburg

ABSENT: Chang Frank, Oji

Motion passed.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5-1. **Solano Ave. Eucalyptus Tree Assessment Update** - Presentation (Information Only): Presentation and discussion of results of the Solano Ave. Eucalyptus Tree Assessment including tree management strategies and recommendations. Reported by John Hawkrige, Urban Forester, and Mark Hurley, Public Works Director/City Engineer.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

6-1. **Review of Street Tree Removal Applications** – Presentation by John Hawkrige, Urban Forester

<u>Location</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation</u>
• 623 Santa Fe Ave.	Not Recommended for Removal
• 1443 Washington Ave.	Recommended for Removal
• 1444 Portland Ave.	Not Recommended for Removal

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review



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The removal at 1443 Washington Ave. is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15304 "Minor Alterations to Land" of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Motion to reject the staff recommendation and approve the Street Tree Removal Application for 623 Santa Fe Avenue was made by Commissioner Abbott and seconded by Commissioner Sainburg.

AYES: Abbott, Chen, Sainburg

NOES: Kent, Marten

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Chang Frank, Oji

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Street Tree Removal Application for 1443 Washington Avenue was made by Commissioner Abbott and seconded by Chair Kent.

AYES: Abbott, Chen, Marten, Kent, Sainburg

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Chang Frank, Oji

Motion passed.

Motion to approve the staff recommendation and deny the Street Tree Removal Application for 1444 Portland Avenue was made by Commissioner Marten and seconded by Chair Kent.

AYES: Abbott, Chen, Marten, Kent, Sainburg

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Chang Frank, Oji

Motion passed.

6-2. Subcommittee Reports (if available)

Flex Court Subcommittee – Ad Hoc (Chang Frank, Kent, Marten)

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Street Tree Management Plan, tree removal applications, Proposition 68 projects, park tree survey, park maintenance, recreation programming/gender equity in sports, exploration of additional subcommittees

8. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 9, 2023, 7:00 PM

9. ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 PM