

**CITY OF LOS BANOS  
TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 8, 2018**

**ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict  
action taken for agenda items presented to the  
Tree Commission.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Latham called the Tree Commission Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Creighton led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TREE COMMISSION PRESENT:** Creighton, Latham, Menefee, Rubio: Spevak absent.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Public Works Foreman O'Brien, Public Works Administrative Clerk II Nelson.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Menefee, seconded by Creighton to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Tree Commission Members present; Spevak absent.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ACTION MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018:** Motion by Menefee, seconded by Rubio to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Tree Commission Members present; Spevak absent.

**PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DETAILED GUIDELINES ARE POSTED ON THE COUNCIL CHAMBER INFORMATIONAL TABLE.** No one came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

**DISCUSS AND REVIEW OF PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL FROM TREE COMMISSION:** Parks Foreman O'Brien per the direction from the Public Works Director Fachin asked the commissioners to discuss, review, and make any changes or suggestions to the presentation Spevak has prepared. Public Works would like the presentation to go before the City Council as soon as possible. O'Brien has reviewed it and said that it looks good. He would recommend adding some background color, trees or a few leaves. It's how the Commissioners want to present it to the City Council. Latham agreed with adding color to the background. Menefee liked the idea of jazzing it up with color and suggested putting pictures of trees from our community or the City's Heritage Trees. Menefee also noticed a few pages need some grammatical changes. Commissioners continued discussing

education on tree care and what accomplishments the Commission has done. Latham questioned, "What is the current data on City trees?" O'Brien will be providing that information to Fachin and Spevak for the presentation. After further discussion, the Commissioners have decided to approve the presentation with the suggested changes on minor grammar, and adding color and pictures. Motion by Creighton, seconded by Menefee to approve the presentation to City Council as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Tree Commission Members present; Spevak absent. O'Brien commented that Fachin hoped that all Tree Commissioners could be present at the council meeting for the presentation.

**PARKS & RECREATIONS REPORT:** Parks Foreman O'Brien reported the City will start work in the downtown area removing approximately seven to nine of the Raywood Ash trees that will be replaced with Chinese Pistachio trees. The replacement process will happen over the next few years depending on how well the Raywood Ash trees do.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER REPORT:** Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin absent.

**COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:**

**CREIGHTON:** Creighton drove by the Oliveira Park and is very impressed with the progress being done and protecting the new grass from people damaging it. The rest of the landscape is looking good and he hopes the community in the area chooses to take care of it.

**LATHAM:** Latham gave update on the Food Forest. The trees have been planted and it's starting to look like a garden. The official opening will be in October once the weather is cooler and they put in the ground cover.

**MENEFEE:** Menefee had concern regarding the southeast corner of Fourth Street and Adams Avenue. There are a couple of Modesto Ash trees that are sprouting out at the base and it's a dangerous corner because it's hard to see traffic. Maybe the City could come by and trim.

**RUBIO:** Rubio has nothing to report.

**SPEVAK:** Absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Brenda Latham, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Patricia Nelson, Secretary