

SAUSALITO TREES & VIEWS COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 6, 2012
Draft Summary Minutes

Call to Order

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

Present: Vice Chair Ronald Reich, Committee Member Betsy Elliott, Committee Member Wingham Liddell,

Absent: Chair Mary Lee Bickford

Staff: Assistant Planner Alison Thornberry

Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Reich ordered that as there were only three members of the Committee present items under New Business and the Prioritized Project List FY 2012-13 under Communications be continued to the meeting of October 4, 2012.

Approval of Minutes

July 5, 2012

Committee Member Liddell moved and Committee Member Elliott seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2012. The motion passed 3-0.

Public Comments of Items Not on Agenda

None.

Public Hearings

1. **TRP 12-141, Tree Alteration Permit, Swensen, 226 and 228 Glen Drive Avenue** . Tree Alteration Permit to allow a height reduction of one damaging California Bay Laurel tree located on the north side of the property at 226/228 Glen Drive (APN 065-141-14).

The public hearing was opened.

Assistant Planner Thornberry-Assef presented the Staff Report.

Committee question to staff:

- Is the tree so big that it is blocking the parking space? *Staff responded the tree is not blocking the parking space; it is just very large and is leaning towards the parking deck, which is raised. The concern is that if the tree continues to grow it will damage the parking deck sooner rather than later.*

The applicant did not make a presentation.

1 The public testimony period was opened.

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3 The public made no comments.

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5 The public testimony period was closed.

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7 Committee comments:

- 8 • It is a good idea to modify the tree given that it will be a problem in the future.
- 9 • This particular tree, Bay Laurel, is a carrier of phytophthora, which if spread to
10 oak trees can result in Sudden Oak Death.

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12 Staff comment:

- 13 • This Bay Laurel does not show signs of SOD. If it does not show signs of it,
14 then it may not be a carrier at this time.

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16 **Committee Member Elliott moved and Committee Member Liddell seconded a**
17 **motion to approve a Tree Alternation Permit for 226 and 228 Glen Drive Avenue.**
18 **The motion passed 3-0.**

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20 The public hearing was closed.

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23 **2. TRP 12-151, Tree Removal Permit, Alderman, 126 San Carlos Avenue.** Tree
24 Removal Permit to allow the removal of one Avocado tree located on the east
25 side of the property at 126 San Carlos Avenue (APN 065-123-06).

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27 The public hearing was opened.

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29 **Vice Chair Reich indicated that he is friends with the Aldermans, but would not**
30 **recuse himself as he has no financial dealings with them.**

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32 Assistant Planner Thornberry-Assef presented the Staff Report.

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34 Committee question to staff:

- 35 • The Avocado tree has caused damage to the driveway. If the tree is cut down,
36 will that resolve the root problem? *Staff responded the roots would not continue*
37 *to grow if the tree is cut down*
- 38 • Is this a fruit bearing Avocado? *Staff responded they did not know.*

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40 Committee comments:

- 41 • The tree is fruit bearing, but light bearing.
- 42 • The tree is off to the side of a large driveway and would not present a trip
43 hazard.
- 44 • Of the replacements trees, the Strawberry tree would be the best solution.
- 45 • A replacement tree should not be planted next to the driveway to ensure there
46 is not a similar situation with the roots in the future.

1 Committee Member Elliott moved and Vice Chair Reich seconded a motion to
2 approve a Tree Removal Permit for 126 San Carlos Avenue. The motion failed due
3 to lack of a unanimous vote with Committee Member Liddell dissenting.
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5 Committee Member Liddell moved and Committee Member Elliott seconded a
6 motion to approve a Tree Removal Permit for 126 San Carlos Avenue with the
7 suggestion that a Strawberry tree be the replacement. The motion passed 3-0.
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9 The public hearing was closed.
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11 Old Business

12 None.
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14 New Business—Continued to meeting of October 4, 2012

- 15 • Items for Trees & Views Committee Webpage—Group Discussion.
- 16 • Brochures/Handouts—Group Discussion.
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18 Staff Communications

- 19 • The Department of Public Works has prepared their Tree Maintenance Activities
20 reports for July and August 2012 for the Trees & Views Committee to review.
- 21 • Prioritized Project List FY 2012-13—Continued to meeting of October 4, 2012
22 meeting.
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24 Adjournment

25 The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
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30 Submitted by
31 Jeremy Graves, AICP
32 Community Development Director
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Mary Lee Bickford
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