SAUSALITO TREES & VIEWS COMMITTEE Monday, March 9, 2015 Draft Action Minutes

Call to Order

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

Present:

Chair Tom Wilhite, Committee Member Betsy Elliott,

Committee Member Peter Montagne, Committee Member Joe Silverman,

3 Absent:

Vice-Chair Ellen Rosenstein

Staff:

Director of Public Works Jonathon Goldman, Public Works Administrative Aide Katie Laufman, Public Works Division Manager Loren Umbertis

Approval of Agenda

Committee Member Elliott moved and Committee Member Montagne seconded a motion to hear Item 2 before Item 1.

The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Member Montagne moved and Committee Member Silverman seconded a motion to approve the modified agenda.

The motion passed 4-0.

Public Comments of Items Not on Agenda

None.

Approval of Minutes

February 9, 2015

Chair Wilhite moved and Committee Member Montagne seconded a motion to approve the action minutes of February 9, 2015.

The motion passed 4-0.

Public Hearings

2. TREEMASTERS TREE / 47 SUNSHINE AVENUE (TRP 14-342)

Grace Contro (Property Owner)
Treemasters (Applicant)
Staff: Laufman/Umbertis

The public hearing was opened.

DRAFT Trees & Views Committee Minutes March 9, 2014 Page 1 of 4 Public Works Administrative Aide Laufman provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Trees and Views Committee questions for staff followed.

Trees and Views Committee comments followed.

Committee Member Silverman moved and Committee Member Elliott seconded a motion to approve a Tree Removal Permit for 47 Sunshine Avenue, subject to the following additional Condition of Approval:

• The requirement for a replacement tree shall be waived.

The motion passed 4-0.

The public hearing was closed.

Committee Member Elliott indicated that she would recuse herself from Item 1 because she lives within 500 feet of the subject property.

1. WHISKEY SPRINGS TREES / 25/27 WEST HARBOR DRIVE; 56 CYPRESS PLACE (TRP 15-006)

Whiskey Springs Condominium Association; Jacqueline Samules (Property Owner)

Marin County Arborists Tree Service (Applicant)

Staff: Laufman/Umbertis

The public hearing was opened.

Public Works Administrative Aide Laufman provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Trees and Views Committee questions for staff followed.

Trees and Views Committee comments followed.

Committee Member Silverman moved and Chair Wilhite seconded a motion to approve a Tree Removal Permit for 25/27 West Harbor Drive; 56 Cypress Place, subject to the additional Condition of Approval:

 The Italian Stone Pine tree shall be replaced; the Victorian Box (Pittosporum) tree shall not be replaced.

The motion passed 3-0.

The public hearing was closed.

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Old Business

1. TREE TIP OF THE MONTH
Staff: Laufman/Umbertis

Trees and Views Committee comments followed.

Chair Wilhite moved and Committee Member Montagne seconded a motion to accept the Tree Tip of the Month, as amended.

The motion passed 3-0.

New Business

BRAINSTORM OF PROJECT LIST – FY 2014-15
 Staff: Laufman/Umbertis

Public Works Division Manager Umbertis provided a presentation.

Trees and Views Committee questions for staff followed.

Trees and Views Committee comments followed.

Committee Member Montagne moved and Committee Member Silverman seconded a motion to request the four items discussed by the Trees and Views Committee be categorized as priorities on the City's project list.

- Add Bay Laurel to the list of undesirable trees.
- A City Arborist position should be reinstated, or the wording of the ordinance should be changed to remove references to a City Arborist.
- Maximum fine for unpermitted tree removal should be at least \$5,000.
- Trees considered for alteration or removal should be tagged for at least two weeks to 18 days.

The motion passed 3-0.

Staff Communications

 Public Works Division Manager Umbertis indicated that Committee Member Elliott's term would end soon, creating a vacancy on the Trees and Views Committee.

Adjournment

Committee Member Montagne moved and Chair Wilhite seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by Jonathon Goldman Director of Public Works Approved by Mary Lee Bickford Chair

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