



**CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

City Hall Council Chamber  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

**DRAFT MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Bill Cover, Eberle Ewing, Howard Formby, Taryn Obaid, Darren Racusen, Roger McErlane  
ABSENT: Marianne Bertuccelli

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

During **General Public Comment**, the public is invited to make comments on items of public interest that are within the City Council's subject matter jurisdiction and that are not listed on the current agenda. Public comments are limited up to three minutes per person. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the Council, time will be allocated in equal shares totaling no more than twenty minutes, subject to the Council's discretion (Cal. Gov't. Code §54954.3(a), Petaluma City Council Rules, Policies and Procedures, III).

1. Public Comment – Susan Kirks

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of Minutes for the meetings of January 17, 2024, February 7, 2024, and February 21, 2024  
Motion – Ewing  
Second: Racusen  
Approved: 5 – 0  
Abstain: Obaid

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. Ad Hoc Committee for Arbor Day Progress Update  
Committee Member Racusen shared an update on planning for the Arbor Day event. The time has been confirmed for 10:00am-2:00pm on 4/27/24. Ideas include food, various activities, public involvement, and outreach to collaborate with other groups/agencies. April meeting should have final plan. Ad Hoc will send info to committee for feedback with final ideas.

Committee Comment  
Chair Formby  
Committee Member Obaid

4. Street Tree Ad Hoc Committee Progress Update  
Chair Formby stated there is not much of an update in the last month, but currently still working on it. Happy to consider street tree recommendations.

Committee Comment  
Committee Member Ewing  
Committee Member Obaid

5. Communication and Outreach Ad Hoc Committee Progress Update  
Committee Member Obaid shared an update and they have been focused on policy, practice, and process. Reached out to staff, elected officials, community groups. A meeting is scheduled for 4/1/24 with Heather Hines in Planning. There is a broader scope in their tree focus and tremendous success. Hoping this will help staff finalize the tree ordinance. She stated there is a large percentage of the tree canopy that has been destroyed and/or pruned along the Lynch Creek Pathway. This brings up concern for other areas in the city and also during nesting season.

Committee Comment  
Chair Formby

## **COMMITTEE COMMENT**

Committee Member McErlane  
Committee Member Racusen  
Committee Member Ewing  
Committee Member Obaid  
Committee Member Cover  
Chair Formby

## **STAFF COMMENT**

Staff Liaison Chong shared update regarding Integrative Pest Management Policy adopted at council meeting on Monday, Arbor Day Event will go to Council for official proclamation, and ReLeaf has been busy with many plantings, programs, etc.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Formby adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm