



CITY OF SANGER
TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
MAY 5, 2008

AGENDA

6:00 PM Regular Meeting
City Hall Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. FLAG SALUTE - Commissioner Sergent

D. CEREMONIAL

1. Administration of oath of office for Francisco Villarreal
2. Presentation of Service Award to former Commissioner Daniel Martinez

E. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda and within the area of responsibility of the Commission. It is the policy of the Commission not to answer any questions impromptu and complaints should be referred to the Director's office. Speakers should limit their comments to five minutes.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of March 3, 2008

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS -

1. City Council action on recommended Downtown Beautification Plan.
 2. Response to Commissioner comments at last meeting.
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Madlyn Esquer, Commissioner
David Pinuelas, Commissioner

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Larry Lihosit
Secretary/Planner

Francisco Villarreal, Commissioner

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John White
Public Works Director

Raul Cantu, Commissioner
Gail Sergent, Commissioner

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John Mulligan
Deputy Public Works Director

3. Gene Pico request to remove trees within right-of-way/420 Greenwood.

J. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS - None

K. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

L. NEXT (TENTATIVE) MEETING - June 2, 2008

M. ADJOURNMENT



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MEETING OF MAY 5, 2008*

**CITY OF SANGER
MINUTES OF THE TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
For March 3, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Sanger Tree & Landscape Commission of March 3, 2008 was held in the Sanger City Hall Chamber at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairperson Cantu called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL: These Commissioners were present; Madlyn Esquer, David Pinuelas, Raul Cantu. Commissioner Gail Sergent arrived at 6:15. Commissioner Francisco Villarreal was absent.

Staff present included Larry Lihosit, Planner.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Pinuelas led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Agenda approved.

1. Motion to approve: Pinuelas
2nd: Esquer
Vote: 3-0 (approved)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: 1. Minutes, January 7, 2008.
Motion to approve: Cantu
2nd: Esquer
Vote: 3-0 (approved)

CEREMONIAL: Oath of office administered to Commissioner Pinuelas.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Francisco Villarreal will be sworn in at the next meeting. Likewise, a new election will be held regarding Chair and Vice Chair. The Commission requested preparation of a plaque to present to former Commissioner Martinez at the next meeting.
2. Staff presented a draft Downtown Beautification Plan based upon Commissioner comments at the January meeting. Consensus was to remove the proposal to construct a bathroom at Brehler Square due to cost. With that revision,

the Commission recommended City Council adoption of the plan.

Motion to approve:	Pinuelas
2 nd	Cantu
Vote:	4-0 (approved)

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

1. Commissioner Sergent In 2007 the Commission denied a request to cut down 2 large trees within right-of-way at 8th and O Streets. The trees have been cut down. What can be done?
2. Commissioner Esquer None
3. Commissioner Pinuelas Brehler Square would have more room for activities if Santa's house were stored on city property and only placed in the park for the Christmas holiday season. Could this be done?
4. Commissioner Cantu -None.

NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2008 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Motion to adjourn:	Sergent
2 nd :	Esquer
Vote:	4-0 (adjourn)



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TO: TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
FROM: LAWRENCE F. LIHOSIT, PLANNER
SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL
APPROVE PROPOSED DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION PLAN AND PHASING

DISCUSSION:

At the March 20th, the City Council approved this Commission's recommended Downtown Beautification Plan and Phasing without modification. Phase 1 will begin immediately. Bike racks have been ordered and should arrive by May 1. Staff will contract outside services to paint poles and install thermoplastic crosswalks.

prepared by: Lawrence F. Lihosit, Planner

REVIEW: John White, Public Works Director

TYPE OF ITEM: INFORMATION ONLY _____

FILE: NR/DEV SERV/FILES/TREE&LANDS/TLC2008/STAFFREPORTS/STAFFREPT04070811



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TO: TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMISSION
FROM: LAWRENCE F. LIHOSIT, PLANNER
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES WITHIN RIGHT-OF-WAY/420 GREENWOOD AVENUE

REQUEST:

Attached is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Gene Pico on Tuesday, April 29. In it, he requests permission to cut down two trees located within public right-of-way.

DISCUSSION:

Staff has inspected the trees and sidewalk and has met with Mr. Pico on at least two occasions. Public Works staff has concluded that the two trees within right-of-way which are contiguous to his property are not diseased, nor hazardous. They appear to be mature liquid amber. The seed pods are not considered a danger to pedestrians nor a major impediment to the storm drainage system. Two panels of concrete sidewalk which meet at a joint have uplifted about one half inch. This is likewise not considered a hazard.

Should the Commission entertain a motion to approve removal, you may wish to consider conditions of approval such as stump grinding and replanting of 15 gallon trees selected from the City approved tree list.

Attachments:

Letter from Gene Pico
Staff photos

prepared by: Lawrence F. Lihosit, Planner

REVIEW: John White, Public Works Director

TYPE OF ITEM: Tree Removal Request _____ APPROVED _____ DENIED _____

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter requesting the removal of two trees in front of my property, which is 420 Greenwood Ave, Sanger. Ca

The trees are in very bad condition and also are more of a nuisance then anything else. Every year I have to pick up thousand of round pine balls and they are very dangerous to walk on. Already my mother -in-law has fallen from stepping on them.

Young kids going to school that walk on our sidewalk has to also walk on these pine balls as well. I am not able to keep my sidewalk always clean for there is times I am out of town.

I want to point out other reason that the trees are more of a problem and not only to me but to the city as well.


1. The trees roots are uplifting the sidewalk and also part of the street
2. The pine balls that fall in the street also being washed in the city drain.
3. Some of these same trees on our block are dying because the property owners are not Taking care or watering the trees. Last fall a tree branch from my neighbors' tree fall onto my fence and I could not get anyone to pay for it. I can see more dying branch from the neighbors tree and I hate to see it land on my fence again or some one walking

Now several years ago the prior owner on the corner of 4th and Greenwood removed the same kind of trees like the one I have. I question the removal and was told by the person in charge of the trees at city hall that they would be replacing those trees. The trees have not been replaced.

The house at 3rd and Greenwood removed their trees and yes they replaced them, now I am asking that my trees be removed. I can't see any reason for any one wanting to keep these kinds of trees, their more trouble then good.

Now I know the city does removal trees for I have see it happen just recently and I also was present where they cut one down. I am asking the city or tree committee to please be fair and also help me with this problem trees.

Thank you

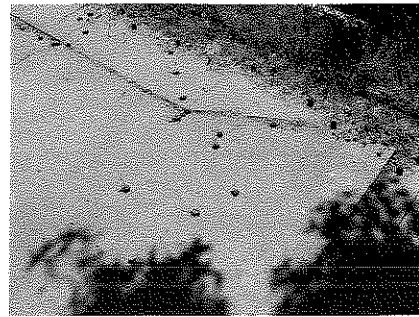

Gene E Pico
420 Greenwood Ave
Sanger, Ca 98657



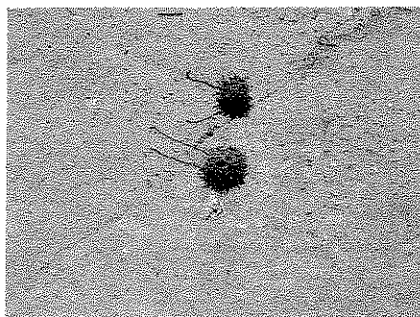
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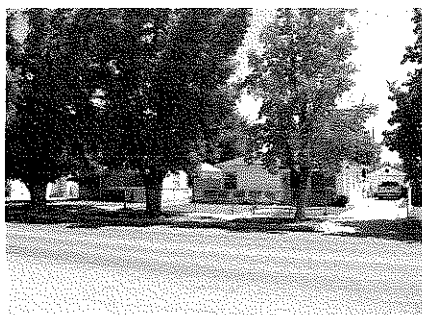
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