Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Chair Longstreet

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Ada Conner
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.

Commissioners & Staff Absent
Commissioner Daniel Hochman
Commission Intern Diego Torres-Santos

City Council Liaison Present
Councilmember Michael Self

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:
Ms. Rapp said that staff is going to recommend the Commission postpone item 3E.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:
None

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Speakers: Kenneth Loch; Chuck Rose

AGENDA ITEM 3
COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION:
None

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:
Commissioner Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee. She further said she went on a tour of the Golf Course and received an overview of the Golf Course.

Commissioner Burns reported on the activities of the PARC Foundation and the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Conner reported on the activities of the Youth Council.

Commissioner Casebeer reported on the activities of the Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee.

Chair Longstreet reported that she attended the PARC Foundation meeting and the Brinkerhoff meeting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:
None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:
None

CONSENT CALENDAR:
1. Summary of Council Actions - For Information (Attachment)
2. Approval of Minutes - For Action (Attachments)

Recommendation: That the Commission:
A. Waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2010; and
B. Waive the reading and approve the special meeting of February 1, 2010.

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2010, and special meeting of February 1, 2010.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS:
3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action
Recommendation: That the Commission:

Documents:
- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:
- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Kent Mixon, Item 3B(1)

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.
   1327 Crestline Dr. - Jose Luis Esparza, Architect - (4) Archontophoenix cunninghamiana, King Palms
   Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 6/0 to approve the removal request with the condition that the palms get relocated on the property and the required number of the new designation of street tree gets planted on the frontage.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

   1. 3880 State St. - Martha Degasis, Arcadia Studio, Inc. - (1) Cedrus deodara, Deodar Cedar, (1) Geijera parviflora, Australian Willow
      Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation and approve the setback tree removal request at 3880 state street.

   2. 2211 White Ave. - Kent Mixon, Architect - Cryptomeria, Japanese Cedar
      Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the removal of the tree located at 2211 White Avenue.

C. Postpone the street tree removal request. Continued from December 2009
   532 Brinkerhoff Avenue - Kenneth Kahre - (2) Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine
   Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb, and passed 6/0 to postpone action
on the street tree removal request on 532 Brinkerhoff Avenue indefinitely.

D. Deny the request to designate alternate species to the Street Tree Master Plan.
    400 block of Montgomery St. - Sam Maphis

   Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation and deny the request to designate alternate species to the Street Tree Master Plan for the 400 block of Montgomery Street.

E. Approve the request to designate two species to the Street Tree Master Plan.
   00 block of W. Victoria St. - Bob Cunningham, Arcadia Studios

   Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 6/0 to concur with the staff recommendation to postpone action on this item and send it back to the Street Tree Advisory Committee to readdress their recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Storm Damage Report - For Information (Attachment)

   Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the loss of trees and other damage as a result of the January 19-22, 2010 storm events.

   Documents:
   - Staff Report
   - Staff PowerPoint
   Speakers:
   - Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS:

5. Parks and Recreation Budget - For Discussion

   Speaker:
   - Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director
6. Neighborhood and Outreach Services - For Discussion
   None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 6/0 to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director