

Street Tree Advisory Committee

The Street Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) was established on December 20, 1979. Its purpose is to provide advice to City staff, the Parks and Recreation Commission and Council regarding planting and removing street trees, trees in front yard setbacks, and park and golf course trees. STAC is a five member committee that serves as a channel for community feedback and input towards the improvement of services and works in accordance with the Municipal Code sections 15.20 and 15.24.

General Functions

The Advisory Committee shall perform a variety of guidance and support functions. The scope of such involvement will include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Provide direction and assistance toward the achievement of program results.
- B. Assist in the functional operation of the Street Tree Program.
- C. Serve as a channel for community feedback and input towards the improvement of services.
- D. Advise staff and Commission relative to issues of program consistency with Municipal Code Sections 15.20 and 15.24 pertaining to public trees and frontyard trees and help to guide all policy decisions, so as to be in conformance with the Street Tree Master Plan (adopted 1976).

Membership

5 Members

Qualifications

The Members of the Committee shall be composed of five (voting) citizen representatives who represent the diverse horticultural interests within the community, and by experience and/or education have specific technical knowledge or arboriculture or tree care, so as to be able to advise City staff in formulating reasonable tree management decisions. One member may reside outside the city limits.

The staff liason shall serve as a non-voting member of the Committee. Up to two Commissioners shall act as non-voting liaisons to the Committee.

Length of Term

Appointments will be made by the Park Commission upon completion of the recruitment/interview process. Members will serve two-year terms as designated at appointment, except that a member appointed to fill an unscheduled vacancy shall serve the remainder of that term. Appointments shall expire in December.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Parks Lunch Room located at 402 East Ortega Street.

Time Involved

4 to 6 hours per month.

Compensation

None.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The City Council created the Board of Park Commissioners in 1902. For many years the Board supervised the planning and construction of public park facilities.

In May 1929 the Recreation Commission was established by City Council on the recommendation of the Board of Park Commissioners, who felt that City parks would be more frequently used if recreational facilities were included in the parks. For many years recreation facilities and programs were administered by the Recreation Department, and included adult sports, youth sports and social activities, aquatics, cultural arts, senior citizen activities, and special activities for the disabled, as well as community-wide special events on a year round basis.

In 1990, the two departments were combined into the current Parks and Recreation Department. On November 3, 2009, the Board of Park Commissioners and Recreation Commission were officially combined into one Parks and Recreation Commission.

General Functions

- A. Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to parks, recreation, beaches, creeks, plazas, parkways, and street trees.
- B. Consider the annual budget for parks, recreation, beaches, creeks, plazas, parkways, and street tree purposes during the process of its preparation and make recommendations with respect thereto to the City Council and the City Administrator.
- C. Assist in the planning of parks, recreation, beaches, creeks, plazas, and street trees for the inhabitants of the City, promote and stimulate public interest therein, and to that end solicit to the fullest extent possible the cooperation of school authorities and other public and private agencies interested therein.
- D. Perform such other duties not inconsistent with this Charter as may be prescribed by ordinance.

Membership

7 Members (one member may be an individual of age 16 years of older)

Qualifications

Must be qualified electors of the City. Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements specified in Section 802 of the City Charter, Section 809 of the City Charter, as amended by the voters of the City on November 3, 2009, (1) member of the Parks and Recreation Commission may be an individual of age sixteen (16) years or older who resides in the City but is not a qualified elector. The City Council may, but is not required to, appoint a youth member to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Length of Term

Four years and until successors are appointed. Staggered terms expire on December 31 of the appropriate year.

Meeting Schedule

The Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street. During the months of November and December, the Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Time Involved

Approximately 10 - 20 hours per month for meetings and related activities.

Financial Disclosure Requirement

Members must file a Statement of Economic Interests upon appointment, annually and when leaving the advisory group.

Compensation

None.