

**CITY OF LOS BANOS
TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2017**

**ACTION MINUTES – These minutes are prepared to depict
action taken for agenda items presented to the
Tree Commission.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Latham called the Tree Commission Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Creighton led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF THE TREE COMMISSION PRESENT: Creighton, Latham, Menefee absent, Rubio, Spevak.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Cardoza, Public Works Administrative Clerk II Nelson

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Spevak, seconded by Creighton to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Tree Commission Members present; Menefee absent.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ACTION MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017: Motion by Creighton, seconded by Rubio to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried by the affirmative vote of all Tree Commission Members present; Menefee absent.

PUBLIC FORUM: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ANY ITEM OF PUBLIC INTEREST THAT IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY; INCLUDES AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DETAILED GUIDELINES ARE POSTED ON THE COUNCIL CHAMBER INFORMATIONAL TABLE. No one came forward to speak and the public forum was closed.

LOS BANOS TREE COMMISSION, MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 2, ARTICLE 3: Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin wanted the Commissioners to have information from the municipal code pertaining to the Tree Commission as a reference to the Commissioner's duties, decision making, responsibilities, appointments, terms, etc. There was discussion pertaining to the City's educational program. Spevak spoke on how wonderful this commission has developed over the years from when it started, around the year 1990 as a committee, then to become a Commission in 2014. He acknowledged a few past members and also wanted to publicly thank the past Councils, Mayors, and Public Works staff for all their years of hard work, especially overseeing the commercial landscape parking lot ordinance. The new Save Mart parking lot looks wonderful.

PARKS & RECREATION MANAGERS REPORT: Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Cardoza wanted to thank the Public Work staff, individuals and commissioners who helped and took the time to come participate for Arbor Day. Cardoza reported the city will be working on the dying and diseased trees downtown starting in June. Cardoza recalled that Spevak had previously mentioned that many trees in the parks and right of ways needed to be replaced due to disease and storm damage. There have been about 31 trees replaced up to now. Cardoza reported watering has increased in parks and city right of ways. There was further discussion about future maintenance to the parks and right of ways pertaining to the City Ordinance and Urban Water Management Plan. Cardoza reported more trees and bushes have been planted along the Rail Trail from Second Street to Hwy 165.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/CITY ENGINEER REPORT: Public Works Director/City Engineer Fachin has nothing further to report unless the commissioners have any questions. Spevak would like to know when a Master Plan for Pacheco Park might happen. Fachin responded it's in the planning stages so most likely in about 6 years from now. There was further discussion regarding plans for Pacheco Park.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

CREIGHTON: Creighton wanted everyone to know that the parking lots at the Community Center and Save Mart are looking "extremely good."

LATHAM: Latham commented she didn't have time to gather information for the presentation regarding the Food Forrest at the local community college campus. She explained that plans and funding have finally been approved and they are moving ahead with the project. She would love the commissioners to come when they are at the stage of planting the trees which, hopefully, will be sometime in October.

MENEFEE: Absent.

RUBIO: Rubio has been thinking of ways to inform and make aware to the City residents about the Tree Commission thru a logo, artwork or wearing shirts when attending events. The commissioners like the idea and look forward to seeing what she comes up with.

SPEVAK: Spevak looks forward to the design and wearing the new shirts. Spevak, again, thanks and welcomes Steve and Stefanie for joining and bringing new, fresh ideas to the Tree Commission. Spevak wants to compliment the City on a job well done for keeping the City's Raywood Ash trees alive and well maintained.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Brenda Latham, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Patricia Nelson, Secretary