

CITY OF FOLSOM

Landscaping & Lighting Districts Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 16, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Folsom Community Center

R.G. Smith Room

52 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630

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I. CALL TO ORDER L&L DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heiler (Los Cerros) at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members in attendance were Joe Marceau (Natoma Station), Ian Cornell (Willow Creek Estates South), Allen Brown (American River Canyon North), Mark Klovec (American River Canyon North #2), Patty Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks), Tim O'Leary (Prairie Oaks Ranch), Benjamin Mattocks (Prospect Ridge), Craig Enos (Broadstone 3), Richard Heiler (Los Cerros).

Absent: Joanna Stanfield (Sierra Estates), Joseph Helo (Cobble Ridge), and Mary Johnson (Lake Natoma Shores).

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 21st, 2024

Minutes were approved by member Enos (Broadstone 3) and seconded by member Marceau (Natoma Station)

VI. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR – Members of the public can address the Advisory Committee concerning items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. The Advisory Committee is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

Matt Marshall from Prairie Oaks Ranch spoke from the floor regarding fences in the neighborhood as well as tree planting and project timing. Manager Larson provided his business card and offered to answer questions via phone or email.

VII. Q & A WITH CITY URBAN FORESTER

Aimee Nunez, City Urban Forester took questions from the committee regarding street trees, permitting, pruning, tree placement in relation to infrastructure, master tree list, watering during dry winter months, mulch, trees near homes and insurance concerns, and protected trees.

VIII. MANAGERS REPORT

Manager Larson presented information on ladder fuel removal, projects in progress including the American River Canyon frontage, Willow Creek South turf renovation, plantings completed on Mystic Hills Place and Iron Pt median fence. Upcoming projects include Los Cerros streetlight painting.

IX. INFORMATION ON LONG TERM PLANNING FOR CERTAIN REDWOODS ON BLUE RAVINE ROAD IN THE BLUE RAVINE OAKS L&L DISTRICT.

Manager Larson provided background on Blue Ravine Oaks redwoods on Blue Ravine between East Bidwell and Riley. There are approximately 40 redwood trees growing in close proximity to the sound wall, under powerlines and on top of other utilities. Redwoods

are a large growing tree that will not have long term success in this area and will require eventual removal. The city will complete outreach to the neighborhood at large with emphasis on residents who back up to this area to offer them the opportunity to plant appropriate trees in their yard before the eventual removal. The thinking behind this is that the trees planted by residents in their own yard would have time to establish a canopy and provide them with shade. Replanting in the L&L beds along Blue Ravine will likely be limited to low growing shrubs due to multiple conflicts.

Member Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks) mentioned that she would like staff to work with SMUD and PG&E to do the eventual removals when necessary. Manager Larson let her know that we will work with SMUD and PG&E to reduce costs as appropriate.

A resident of Blue Ravine Oaks asked how the trees got planted so close in the first place. Manager Larson explained that this is a concern in many districts including Natoma Station and Broadstone 1/2/4 and that the issue was created during the original development stages thirty years ago.

X. INPUT FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON L&L DISTRICTS

Member Brown (American River Canyon North) mentioned that the ladder fuel work looks good. Mentioned that parks maintenance is doing tree work in Davies Park. Requested staff look into the plan for water runoff in the new landscape area.

Member Klovec (American River Canyon North #2) nothing to report.

Member Heiler (Los Cerros) asked about a SeeClickFix issue regarding a sidewalk and expansion joint. Manager Larson stated that he will look into the issue. He also reported a light out on SCF.

Member O'Leary (Prairie Oaks Ranch) nothing to report.

Member Enos (Broadstone 3) asked about mulch placement on Scholar. Manager Larson said that staff will get a proposal for the work to see what the cost would be for mulching such a large area.

Member Mattocks (Prospect Ridge) nothing to report.

Member Cornell (Willow Creek Estates South) stated that he would like to discuss his districts budget. Asked about sign replacement and Chadwick Park overseeding timeline. Asked about trail repairs, Manager Larson explained that ARPA funding will cover the costs and that the work will be completed by asphalt removal and root pruning.

Member Marceau (Natoma Station) nothing to report.

Patty Soulsby (Blue Ravine Oaks) reported a fence propped up on Riley. Asked about fence post types, she would like the City to consider using metal posts. Manager Larson stated that cost is a factor, as well as availability of materials, and replacing with like. Reported a concern regarding a private tree or bush pushing against the pillars on Riley. Asked about progress in general fund ladder fuel areas.

XI. ITEMS FOR NEXT OR FUTURE AGENDAS

Member Marceau requested a presentation on LED lighting replacements.

Member Soulsby requested a presentation on the Flume device from Water Conservation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Member Heiler (Los Cerros) at 8:15 p.m.

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