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**CFC Meeting Minutes April 13, 2022
Zoom / Community Auditorium**

Approved May 11, 2022

1. **Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. A quorum was present.

Present: Chair Mark Nakajima, Vice Chair Michael Howell, Bruce Countryman, David Hunter, Jeremy Sapp, Councilor Kottkey

Absent: Jen Warren

Staff Present: Dan Riordan, Senior Planner

Guest Present: Amanda Dennis, Austreberto Hernandez, Diana Zarco

2. **Public Comment:** Guests present for protected tree removal public hearings.
3. **Consent Agenda:** Approve meeting minutes of March 9, 2022. The motion to approve the March 9, 2022 meeting minutes passed unanimously.
4. **Additions/Deletions:**
5. **Discussion/Decision/Presentation Items:**

- a) **Public Hearing to consider removal of street trees at 3337 Edgeview Lane.** The owner of property located at 3337 Edgeview Lane, requests permission to remove four street trees (two lindens and two pin oaks) adjacent to the property. The property owner submitted a report prepared by a certified consulting arborist describing the condition of the trees and recommendations for next steps. Staff liaison, Dan Riordan presented the staff report including an overview of the relevant decision criteria and a summary of the arborist's findings and recommendations. The arborist report includes several findings noting surface level roots impinging upon the sidewalk likely to cause uplift, prior damage to the irrigation system causing the parkway to flood, and a rust-red infestation on one tree trunk. In addition, the property owner has a strong allergy to oak pollen. Due to the infrastructure damage and general nuisance created by the trees, the arborist recommends removal of the street trees and replanting with a different variety. The property owner has agreed to replant if the request for removal is granted. After deliberations, the Commission approved a motion to grant the property owner's request including replanting. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Public hearing to consider removal of an Oregon white oak listed on the Register of Significant Trees at 2130 Rhodora Street: The owners of property at 2130 Rhodora Street request permission to remove one Oregon white oak tree located on the property. The tree is listed on the Register of Significant Trees. In order to remove the tree, it must also be removed from the Register. The property submitted a report prepared by a certified arborist recommending removal of the tree. Staff liaison, Dan Riordan presented the staff report including an overview of the relevant decision criteria and the arborist's findings and recommendations. The arborist report noted the tree has a 36-inch diameter, 25-foot canopy spread and is 70-feet tall. The arborist also noted that 70% of the canopy is over the home and the tree has a stem defect on a large limb on the northeast side. The arborist rated the tree as a moderate risk due the canopy weight over the home and significant lean. The consequences of tree failure are rated as severe. The arborist recommends either pruning or cabling the tree, or as an alternative have the tree taken off the Register of Significant Trees and then removed. The property owners noted they must manage the risk and should choose which option to take. The property owners desire to have tree taken off the Register and removed. After deliberations, the Commission approved a motion to approve the property owners request to remove the tree from the Register and to allow removal. The motion also encourages the property owners to plant a replacement tree. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Sesquicentennial project update: The Commission discussed highlighting the Giant sequoia tree at the corner of Pacific Avenue and B Street as part of the City's upcoming sesquicentennial events. Research suggests the tree was planted circa 1870 about the time of the City's incorporation in 1872. The tree has diameter of 12-feet and is about 160 feet in height. The Commission adopted a motion to authorize purchase of a tree tag, to place at the tree, with general information. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Council Liaison Report**

7. **Commissioner Announcement**

8. **Announcement of Next Meeting:** May 11, 2022

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm