

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 25, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

**ATHERTON TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
94 Ashfield Road
Atherton, California**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: **Bob Andrews
Jim Dobbie
Rose Hau
Kristi Waldron
Marion Oster**

City Attorney Marc Hynes, Building Official Mike Hood, Deputy Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders and Town Arborist Kathy Hughes Anderson were also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION approval of the December 7, 2005 meeting minutes as corrected.

M/S Dobbie/Waldron Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Dobbie asked what was being done about canvas parking carports. Building Official Mike Hood responded that they are treated as accessory structures and must comply with setback requirements.

5. GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Oster reported that the General Plan Committee met on January 11th and discussed construction parking. The issue of Park Lane was referred to City Council. City Council requested additional Police enforcement of Park Lane and report back at the next City Council meeting.

The length of construction ordinance will be the topic of discussion at the next General Plan Committee meeting scheduled for February 8, 2006.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Lisa Costa Sanders reported on the following City Council action;

- The City Council rejected a proposal to study senior housing at the Town facilities.
- A Historical Workshop is scheduled for February 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss preparation of a preservation Ordinance.
- The Council appointed Jerry Carlson to fill the vacant Council seat.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Heritage Tree Removal Permit – 98 Deodora Drive– Heritage tree removal request to allow the removal of one heritage tree. Atherton Municipal Code section 8.10.

Lisa Costa Sanders presented the staff report and noted the reasons outlined in the staff report to support the removal of the heritage tree due to the condition of the tree.

Kathy Hughes Anderson stated that the health of the tree canopy is not a true indication of the overall health or safety of the tree.

Mark Harrington stated that he is working on a new home design and indicated that he was initially designing the home around the tree. Mr. Harrington further expressed concern with the potential failure of the tree when he received the arborist report.

What plans are there for trees #6 and #11?

Dolly Champsi, applicant, stated her intent to save trees #6 and #11. Ms. Champsi further stated her intent to take care of the other trees and has already trimmed the trees that were neglected for many years.

Evan Collins, 78 Deodora, stated that he could not object since the tree is within the buildable area. Mr. Collins requested notification on staff issued tree removal permits and basis for removal.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION to approve the removal of the heritage tree at 98 Deodora Drive based on the following finding and with the following additional condition:

M/S Oster/Dobbie Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

Finding:

1. The removal of the tree would not be contrary to the purpose and intent of the Atherton General Plan.

Condition:

1. Add condition four to read as following; "Remaining trees shall be trimmed and treated as recommended in the Arborist report dated January 10, 2006 prior to the demolition of the main residence to the satisfaction of the Town Arborist".

9. ADJOURN

M/S Dobbie/Waldron to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Costa Sanders, Deputy Town Planner