

**APPROVED MINUTES  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
August 24, 2005  
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:**       **Rose Hau  
Marion Oster  
Jim Dobbie  
Kristi Waldron**

**EXCUSED:**       **Bob Andrews**

City Attorney Marc Hynes and Deputy Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders were also present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION approval of the July 27, 2005 meeting minutes as amended.**

**M/S Dobbie/Oster       Ayes: 4       Noes: 0       Excused: 1**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**4. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

Commissioner Waldron reported on the "Green Building" workshop scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at Holbrook Palmer Park.

**5. GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Oster reported that the Committee discussed the Noise Ordinance at the last meeting and requested staff research other jurisdictions. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2005. She also noted two new Committee members; Jim Ransohoff and Barbara Shoor.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

Lisa Costa Sanders reported that an appeal to the City Council has been filed on the 40, 50, and 60 Ashfield project.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. **Heritage Tree Removal Permit and Negative Declaration – 139 & 141 Tuscaloosa** – Heritage tree removal request and Negative Declaration to allow the removal of forty heritage trees. 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 request.

Linda Garrett, Landscap Architect, reviewed the proposed landscape and improvement plan.

**MOTION to find that the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for this project are adequate and in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act and adopt the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 139 and 141 Tuscaloosa Avenue Tree Removal project.**

M/S Oster/Waldron      Ayes: 4      Noes: 0      Excused: 1

**MOTION to find that the removal of forty heritage trees at 139 and 141 Tuscaloosa Avenue would not be contrary to the purpose and intent of the General Plan, for the reasons outlined in the Staff Report and approve the removal with the conditions stated in the Heritage Tree Removal Permit with the following additional condition;**

M/S Oster/Dobbie      Ayes: 4      Noes: 0      Excused: 1

**Additional Condition:**

1. Trees in the public right-of-way shall be protected with fencing during construction.

8. **Heritage Tree Removal Permit – 150 Isabella Avenue** – Heritage Tree removal request to allow the removal of three heritage trees. 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 Oak tree in the driveway and the Redwood tree. She noted staff's concerns with the removal of the Oak tree in the front yard.

William Edwards, property owner, noted the history of improvements to the property and noted their desire to remove the three trees to allow more light into their yard.

**MOTION to approve the Heritage Tree removal permit to allow the removal of two heritage trees at 150 Isabella Avenue based on the following finding and subject to the conditions contained in the Conditional Use Permit certificate:**

M/S Dobbie/Oster      Ayes: 4      Noes: 0      Excused: 1

**Finding:**

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

**9. Heritage Tree Removal Permit – 105 Linden Avenue** – Heritage Tree removal request to allow the removal of one heritage tree. Atherton Municipal Code 8.10 and Chapter 17.52. .

Lisa Costa Sanders presented the staff report and noted the reasons outlined in the report to support the request.

Neelu Yadav, Landscape Architect, stated that there will be a basement with the home and that the garage will be at grade level. She noted that many of the trees on the site have been neglected and the applicant will be saving many of them.

**MOTION to approve the Heritage Tree removal request for the removal of one heritage tree at 105 Linden Avenue based on the following finding and subject to the conditions contained in the Heritage Tree Removal certificate with the following additional condition:**

**M/S Waldron/Oster      Ayes: 4      Noes: 0      Excused: 1**

**Finding:**

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

**Additional Condition:**

1. Remaining trees shall be pruned and cleaned prior to construction.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Marion Oster indicated that she will not be present at the next meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Lisa Costa Sanders, Deputy Town Planner