



# **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2014

ITEM NUMBER: 8A

**SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 883 PROSPECT PLACE**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

**FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION**

**PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the request to remove one (1) City owned tree at City expense (S-12) and deny the request for the removal of (3) City owned trees growing in the landscape set back to the rear of 883 Prospect Place.

## **BACKGROUND**

This item was heard as part of a larger tree removal request from multiple applicants at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on January 23, 2014. At that meeting, the Commission approved the removal of one tree (S-14) at City expense and directed staff to root prune another tree (S-13) behind 883 Prospect Place. The Commission also directed staff to conduct an on-site evaluation of four (4) additional trees (S-9, S-10, S-11 and S-12) at that address to determine if they were causing any damage to private property improvements, and to report back to the Commission the findings.

A site visit was conducted on February 6, 2014, by the Public Services Director, the Maintenance Services Manager and the Interim Arborist. All of the trees were carefully inspected from the side of the wall adjacent to the landscape set back and from the private property. The Applicants were included in the evaluation conducted on the private property side of the wall. The Public Services Director determined that trees S-9, S-10 and S-11 were not causing damage to the private wall. However, damage was observed to the wall that was attributed to tree S-12.

## **ANALYSIS**

The original tree removal request for this address involved eight (8) trees; two (2) growing in the five foot (5') parkway and six (6) trees growing in the an adjacent City owned landscape set-back ten feet (10') in width. The Commission denied the request to remove the parkway trees; approved the request to remove Slope Tree S-14; directed staff to root prune Slope Tree S-13 and to review the remaining four (4) slope trees to determine if they were causing damage to private property. After the on-site evaluation, only one tree (S-12) was determined to be causing observable damage likely caused by a City owned tree. The others were either not causing any damage or the damage could not be assigned to the City tree in question.

The trees associated with the 883 Prospect Place request are listed below:

Landscape set back trees:

- Tree 'Slope 9' is approximately fifty-five feet (55') in height with a trunk diameter of fourteen inches (14").
- Tree 'Slope 10' is approximately fifty-five feet (55') in height with a trunk diameter of fifteen inches (14").
- Tree 'Slope 11' is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16").
- Tree 'Slope 12' is approximately fifty-five feet (55') in height with a trunk diameter of fifteen inches (15").
- Tree 'Slope 13' is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16").
- Tree 'Slope 14' is approximately fifty feet (50') in height with a trunk diameter of fourteen inches (14").

Parkway trees:

- Tree 'F5' is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of fourteen inches (14").
- Tree 'F6' is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16").

The total estimated value of the eight (8) trees is \$39,120.00, an average of about \$5,000 per tree.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

1. The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of some or all of the trees requested to be removed, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 Category 3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of each tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

If approved by the Commission, the trees must be removed and mitigation trees provided to the City within one year from the date of final approval, after which the approval expires.

2. The Commission could authorize the removal of the tree(s) as a Category 1 – 'Health and Safety' removal with all removal and replacement costs paid for by the City and determine the number and size of the replacement/mitigation trees, if any, to be planted.

3. The Commission could authorize the removal of some of the trees; specifying which trees should be removed, which should be replaced and make a determination as to which party should pay for the removal and replacement.
4. The Commission could deny the removal of the trees.

### **FISCAL REVIEW**

There would be no fiscal impact to the City if the request to remove the trees was denied; or approved as a Category 3 - Discretionary Removal, as the applicant would pay all costs.

The costs for the mitigation trees (1 – 24” box size and 2 – 15 gallon size) would be \$425 for each tree removed. Removal cost is \$20 per inch of diameter of the tree to be removed, for an average removal cost per tree of approximately \$300. Costs are based on current City contract prices. Total cost to the Applicant for the removal and replacement would vary depending on the number of trees removed.

If the Commission were to approve the request to remove the trees as a Category 1 - Health and Safety Removal, with the City paying removal and replacement costs, the cost for the removal of the trees would be approximately \$300 per tree, with a cost of replanting 1 – 24” box size tree of \$200, for each tree removed, if the Commission determined that a replacement tree was needed.

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

No legal review is required for this item.

### **CONCLUSION**

The City-owned trees that are being requested to be removed are located within a City-owned landscape set-back along Yukon Avenue to the rear of 883 Prospect Place. Only one (S-12) of the four trees that the Commission directed staff to evaluate has been determined to be causing observable damage to private property. It is therefore recommended that the Commission approve the removal of the tree (S-12) at City expense and that no replacement tree be planted and that the request to remove three (3) additional trees (S-9, S-10, S-11) be denied.

  
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BRUCE A. HARTLEY  
Maintenance Services Manager

  
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ERNESTO MUNOZ  
Public Services Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Tree Information  
2. Photographs

C: Kelly Waterman  
883 Prospect Place  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

City of Costa Mesa  
Maintenance Services Division  
**FIELD INSPECTION – TREE INFORMATION**

ATTACHMENT #1

Denial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Category	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Category	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>

Date Request Received:

Name of Resident: Kelly Waterman Requesting Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 883 Prospect Pl. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: [REDACTED] Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Inspected: 10/31/13  
Inspected By: Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist  
Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: Pinus canariensis 3040x Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= **\$340.00**  
Yukon Ave slope-9  
Height: 55 Feet Width of Sidewalk: 4 Feet  
Trunk Diameter: 17 Inches Size of Right-of-Way: 20 Feet

Health: Good  Fair  Poor  Date of Last Pruning: **5/05/2011**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes  No

Likelihood of survival: Good  Fair  Poor

Comments: **Tree is too large to move and base of the tree is too close to other trees on the slope.**  
**Estimated value in Arbor Access is \$4,890.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes  No

If Yes, describe damage:

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes  No  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning not required.**

Date of Response to Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Information Packet Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos Taken: Yes  No  Date Photos Taken: **10/31/2013**

Photo #1: **3040x Yukon Ave. slope 9 looking north**

Photo #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo #4: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____

Date Inspected: **10/31/13**

Inspected By: **Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist**

Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: <b>Pinus canariensis 3040x Yukon Ave slope-10</b>	Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= <b>\$280.00</b>
Height: <b>55 Feet</b>	Width of Sidewalk: <b>4 Feet</b>
Trunk Diameter: <b>14 Inches</b>	Size of Right-of-Way: <b>20 Feet</b>

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 Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: Pinus canariensis 3040x Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= **\$320.00**  
Yukon Ave slope-11  
 Height: 60 Feet Width of Sidewalk: 4 Feet  
 Trunk Diameter: 16 Inches Size of Right-of-Way: 20 Feet

Health: Good  Fair  Poor  Date of Last Pruning: **5/05/2011**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes  No

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Inspected By: Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist

Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species:	<u>Pinus canariensis 3040x Yukon Ave slope-12</u>	Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)=	<u>\$300.00</u>
Height:	<u>55 Feet</u>	Width of Sidewalk:	<u>4 Feet</u>
Trunk Diameter:	<u>15 Inches</u>	Size of Right-of-Way:	<u>20 Feet</u>

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Photo #1: 3040 Yukon Ave slope 12 looking north

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Photo #4: \_\_\_\_\_



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