



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 3126 CORK LANE

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2014

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BRUCE A. HARTLEY (714) 754-5123

RECOMMENDATION

Deny the request for the removal of two (2) City-owned parkway trees at 3126 Cork Lane (McCormack Lane frontage).

BACKGROUND

This tree removal request was continued from the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on October 23, 2014. At that meeting, the Commission approved the removal of one of the three trees requested for removal (Tree F1) and directed the City Arborist perform an on-site evaluation of the root intrusion reported by the Applicant in association with the remaining two (2) Southern Magnolia trees (Trees S1 & S2) at this address.

ANALYSIS

The City Arborist inspected the trees on October 30, 2014, with the Applicant present.

Tree S1 is located at the east end of the parkway on McCormack, across the sidewalk from a masonry wall that abuts the backside of the sidewalk and creates the boundary of the property owner's side and backyards. Historically, this tree has not been pruned to the City's arboricultural standards. Numerous lower scaffold limbs have been removed, creating a canopy that substantially deviates from the natural shape typically associated with this species. The tree has also been heavily thinned, leaving a sparse appearance to the canopy that is being filled in with epicormic ("sucker") growth. The tree is in good health and possesses good structure, but does not have the form and dense canopy typical of the species. See Attachment 1.

It was observed that the tree's root system does not appear to be negatively affecting the block wall on the opposite side of the sidewalk, nor are the roots from this tree growing in close proximity to the chimney or home foundation.

Tree S2 is located at the west end of the parkway on McCormack. This tree too has not been pruned to the City's arboricultural standards. Numerous lower scaffold limbs have been removed, creating a canopy that substantially deviates from the natural shape typically associated with this species. The tree has also been heavily thinned, leaving a sparse appearance to the canopy that is being filled in with epicormic ("sucker") growth.

The tree is otherwise in good health and possesses good structure, but does not have the form and dense canopy typical of the species.

The tree is positioned per the following measurements:

- Center point of tree to closest intersection with house foundation: seventeen feet (17').
- Center point of tree to sewer clean-out (Note: sewer lateral from the home enters the District main line on the Cork Lane frontage, not the McCormack Lane frontage): twenty-three feet (23').
- Center point of tree to the chimney: twenty-nine feet (29').

Field observations attempted to correlate the validity of the claim that the roots of the Southern Magnolia (Tree S2) are responsible for current damage to the chimney and are damaging or are likely to damage the home's perimeter foundation. The site inspection also sought to ascertain whether a Queen Palm (*Syagrus romanzoffianum*) that is located in the Applicant's private side yard and is eight (8) feet from the chimney, could be responsible for the reported damage.

The City Arborist evaluated the chimney and photo documented the cracking, brick displacement and presence of vegetation growing through the mortar. See Attachment 2. The City Arborist positively identified the plant material by the tear drop shape, texture and coloration of the leaves to be Japanese Boxwood, a typical hedge shrub. The City Arborist determined that the roots were not from the nearby Queen Palm or from Parkway Tree S2. The roots of Tree S2 were present up to the base of the chimney (twenty-nine feet (29') away from the center point of the tree); however, the exposed roots were growing near the soil surface and did not exceed ½" in diameter.

The City Arborist also evaluated the claim that the roots from Tree S2 were damaging or are a threat to damage the home's perimeter foundation. The observations and measurements taken were conclusive. A two and one-half inch (2½") diameter root on the west side of the home was found to be approximately three to four feet (3'-4') from the foundation. The same root was found to be within two feet (2') of the sewer clean out. Another root mass that measured over four inches (4") in diameter was also observed eleven feet (11') from the foundation. The lack of sizable root presence observed in the area exposed at the base of the home's foundation suggests that there is no present or imminent root concern at this time which warrants the removal of the tree.

The parkway tree roots may continue to grow and may cause damage in the future, but are not causing any observable damage to the home at this time.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of one or both trees, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of each tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at the same address 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 tree(s) 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. A second alternative would be to have the City perform root pruning at a depth of twelve inches (12") along the sidewalk of Tree S2 to stop any current root intrusion by the parkway trees into the Applicant's property. It is believed that Tree S2 would not be adversely impacted should the Commission proceed with this recommendation.

FISCAL REVIEW

There would be no fiscal impact to the City if the request to remove the two trees (S1 and S2) was either denied or approved as a Category 3; Discretionary Removal, as the Applicant would pay all costs.

For the Commission's information, the cost for the removal of the two (2) trees would be \$760. (\$320 for S1 and \$440 for S2). The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (2 – 24" box size and 4 – 15 gallon size) would be \$850 (\$425 each). The total cost to the Applicant would be \$1,610. Costs are based on current City contract prices.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The City-owned street trees that are being requested to be removed are located in the public right-of-way in the side parkway of 3126 Cork Lane (McCormack Lane street frontage). The Applicant is requesting removal of these trees due to the impacts on private property associated with the root systems and for the potential they have for causing damage to the home's chimney and perimeter foundation in the future. The Applicant believes that the damage created by these trees is obvious, as evidenced by the damage occurring to the street asphalt and by the roots he exposed for the City Arborist to view in his front lawn.

Based on the observations and measurements taken by the City Arborist, it does not appear that the two City-owned parkway trees at 3126 Cork Lane are currently causing damage to the home. There are surface roots attributable to the tree growing in the turf area between the sidewalk and the home.

The City Arborist determined that the roots of the trees could be pruned and barriers installed to reduce the likelihood of future damage without removing the trees. Therefore staff recommends that the Commission deny the request and offer root pruning services provided by the City as a better alternative.


BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager


ERNESTO MUÑOZ
Public Services Director

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. Photographs – Tree S1
 2. Photographs – Tree S2
 3. Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report – October 23, 2014
 4. Parks and Recreation Commission Action Minutes – October 23, 2014

C: Shaun Stellman
3126 Cork Lane
Costa Mesa, CA 92627



**Tree #1
designated as
S1**





**Tree #2
designated as
S2**

**Foundation to
2" diameter
root**



Roots adjacent to sidewalk



Roots at chimney looking toward Tree S2



**Sewer clean-out
and house
foundation near
Tree S2**



Root adjacent to sewer clean-out



Street damage



Chimney









PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 3126 CORK LANE

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2014

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BRUCE A. HARTLEY (714) 754-5123

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request for the removal of one (1) parkway tree located in front of 3126 Cork Lane and deny the request for the removal of two (2) City-owned parkway trees located in the public right-of-way on the McCormick side of the property.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission previously considered a request from the property owner of 3126 Cork Lane to remove three (3) Southern Magnolia trees growing in the public right-of-way in front of and to the side of this corner property on May 23, 2013 and June 27, 2013. See Attachment 2.

At the May 23, 2013 meeting, the Commission determined that insufficient notice was provided to the Applicant and the request was re-agendized for the meeting of June 27, 2013. The Council denied the Applicant's request at that meeting.

The Applicant contacted the Public Services Department via electronic mail on September 23, 2014 requesting that the trees be reconsidered for removal. See Attachment 1.

ANALYSIS

The City Arborist evaluated the three trees, Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*, finding them to be healthy and in fair condition. The trees are designated as F1 – the tree located in front of the home on Cork Lane; S2 – the first tree located on the side of the property going east on McCormack; S1 – the second tree located on the side of the property going east on McCormack.

F1: The tree is approximately forty feet (40') in height, with a trunk diameter of fifteen inches (15"). This tree was previously root pruned with the adjacent sidewalk lift ground smooth. No significant concrete damage was observed. This tree is located within ten feet from the location of the sewer lateral.

S1: The tree is approximately forty-five feet (45') in height, with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16"). The roots on the sidewalk side of this tree were pruned at the time the sidewalk was replaced. The sidewalk is currently safe for pedestrian travel.

S2: The tree is approximately forty feet (40') in height, with a trunk diameter of twenty-two inches (22"). The roots on the sidewalk side of this tree were pruned at the time the sidewalk was replaced. The sidewalk is currently safe for pedestrian travel. The curb and gutter are becoming displaced due to root growth. The roots of the tree extend out into the street and are causing uplifted asphalt over a very large area. These roots would be removed at the time the street is rehabilitated. Root pruning is not a viable maintenance option at this time due to the root cutting that occurred for the reconstruction of the sidewalk.

All of the trees are located in five foot (5') wide turf parkways adjacent to a four foot (4') wide sidewalk. The aerial portions of the three trees were last pruned on January 3, 2012, by the City's tree maintenance contractor.

A video inspection of the sewer lateral performed by the Applicant in September 2014 documented the presence of roots in the pipe near the location of the F1 tree growing on Cork Lane in front of the property. Since the tree is within ten feet (10') of the location of the sewer lateral, this tree meets the City's policy for a Category 1 – Health and Safety Removal.

The remaining trees do not meet the criteria for a staff level authorization for removal, as stated in the Streetscape and Median Development Standards. The City Arborist evaluated the trees for possible relocation, but believes that due to the cost of relocating the trees being greater than the value of the trees, and the low success rate of relocating Magnolia trees, relocation is not recommended. In 2013, the Public Services Director reviewed the trees and determined that since the only damage attributable to the trees is the asphalt, curb and gutter, which would be repaired in the future during renovation of the street, he would not authorize the removal of the three trees. The site conditions have not changed significantly in the past twelve months.

The Applicant has been notified of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and has been sent a copy of this staff report.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. The Commission could authorize the removal of all of the trees as Category 1 – Health and Safety Removals at no cost to the Applicant, with replacement trees planted per the Commission's direction.
2. The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of the two trees located on McCormack, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the trees with two (2) twenty-four inch box-size trees (one for each tree removed) to be planted at the same address and four (4) fifteen gallon-size trees (two for each tree removed) 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.

FISCAL REVIEW

If the Commission approves the removal of one tree (F1) as a Health and Safety Removal, the cost to the City would be \$300 for removal and \$225 for replacement; a total of \$525.

There would be no fiscal impact to the City if the request to remove the two trees (S1 and S2) was either denied or approved as a Category 3; Discretionary Removal, as the Applicant would pay all costs.

For the Commission's information, the cost for the removal of the two (2) trees would be \$760. The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (2 – 24" box size and 4 – 15 gallon size) would be \$850. The total cost to the Applicant would be \$1,610. Costs are based on current City contract prices.

If the City were to pay for the removal of all three trees and the replanting of three 24" box size trees, the total cost would be \$1,735.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The three parkway trees that have been requested to be removed are located within the public right-of-way in the front (F1) and to the side (S2 and S3) of 3126 Cork Lane. The trees are healthy and in fair condition.

The Applicant provided video documentation of roots intruding into the sewer lateral near the location of the F1 tree. Staff has determined that the request for removal of that tree meets the Category 1 – Health and Safety Removal criteria.

The Applicant continues to have concerns with the impacts of the S1 and S2 trees growing on the McCormack side of the property and believes that they meet the criteria for removal as well. Staff found the impacts attributable to the trees are primarily to the City's curb, gutter and roadway which would be repaired appropriately with future street maintenance projects. It is therefore recommended that the Commission deny the Applicant's request for removal of the two City parkway trees located on McCormack.


BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager


ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. E-mail from Applicant requesting removal of parkway tree
 2. Agenda Report from the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 27, 2013.
 3. Action Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 27, 2013.
 4. Photographs

C: Shaun Stellman
3126 Cork Lane
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

HARTLEY, BRUCE

From: Shaun Stellman <shaun.stellman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 10:37 PM
To: HARTLEY, BRUCE; MUNOZ, ERNESTO; Annemarie Potucek
Subject: Parkway Tree Removal Request

Mr. Hartley/Mr. Munoz,

Please accept this letter request as a formal request to remove three Magnolia Grandiflora (Majestic Beauty) parkway trees adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane. Based on the standards provided by the City of Costa Mesa's Streetscape and Median Development Standards (CMSMDS), and in accordance with Public Services policies, not only do all three of the parkway trees meet the criteria for Category 1 - Health and Safety removal, they should never have been planted in the public parkways adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane in the first place.

Each of the parkway trees adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane meets one or more of the following criteria for Category 1 - Health and Safety removal;

- The tree is causing a safety hazard (such as significant sidewalk and curb uplifting), and root pruning is determined not to be a viable option. Root pruning, sidewalk shaving, and sidewalk rerouting shall be considered as alternative options when evaluating the removal of trees that are causing safety hazards.
- The tree presents a foreseeable risk of injury and liability to the public.
- The tree is damaging vital infrastructure (such as sewer, water, gas, electrical conduit) of other major structural damage, proof of damage must be submitted by the property owner/applicant prior to the final approval and scheduling by the Public Services Director. See attached video of sewer lateral.

The fact that these trees meet the criteria for Category 1 - Health and Safety removal is exacerbated by the fact that they should never have been planted in the parkways adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane. According to Section 4.02b; "Many of Costa Mesa's residential streets have limited parkway space, resulting in trees competing for vertical and/or horizontal clearance with streetlights, overhead utilities, or other obstructions. To reduce the potential conflict with these features, and provide streetscape continuity, it is recommended that trees selected for public parkways be chosen from the "Recommended Street Tree Palette" (Appendix B), in accordance with the "Public Parkway and Median Tree Planting Setback & Minimum Spacing" (Appendix C), and the "Private Property Tree Palette," (Appendix D), The selection must be made from the trees listed as appropriate for the size of parkway width and available space to allow proper establishment and adequate space based on the size of the tree at maturity."

Had the guidelines provided by the CMSMDS "Street Tree Palette" (Appendix B) been followed, the parkways adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane would have two Koelreuteria bipinnata (Chinese Flame tree) and one Pinus canariensis (Canary Island Pine), which are classified in Group C of Appendix C and would be appropriate for the parkways adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane. Unfortunately, the Magnolia Grandiflora (Majestic Beauty) trees that were planted are classified in Group A of Appendix C, which include tree species recommended for parkways that are at least 8ft. wide, and require ground and aerial setbacks of 8 ft. and 20 ft. respectively. The parkways adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane are only 6ft. wide and all three trees fail to meet the minimum aerial setback requirement of 20 ft.

After reviewing all of the information provided, I hope you will agree that, in order to avoid unnecessarily risking the health and safety of those living and working in close proximity to our home, the Magnolia Grandiflora trees planted in the parkways adjacent to 3126 Cork Lane need to be removed as soon as possible. In addition to eliminating the risk to public health and safety, removing these parkways trees will also help limit the city's liability for damage caused by parkway tree roots to the sewer lateral connected at 3126 Cork Lane and to the city's sewer main line, as well as prevent future issues to the surrounding infrastructure, as well as protecting public health and safety.

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact us at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Shaun & Annemarie Stelman

3126 Cork Lane

Costa Mesa, CA. 92626

 3126 Cork Lane Sewer Video.zip



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 27, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: 9h

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 3126 CORK LANE

DATE: JUNE 17, 2013

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BRUCE A. HARTLEY (714) 754-5123

RECOMMENDATION

Deny the request for the removal of three City-owned parkway trees located in the public right-of-way at 3126 Cork Lane.

BACKGROUND

This item was previously agendaized for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of May 23, 2013. At that time, with the Applicant absent from the meeting, the Commission denied the request. Typically, an Applicant would receive notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda and the report. In this instance, the Applicant was not properly noticed and was not provided an opportunity to be heard on the tree removal request. The City Attorney determined that this makes the decision invalid. Due to the lack of notice, the request is being recalled to the June meeting so that the Applicant may be provided full due process.

The Maintenance Services Division was originally contacted by the Applicant on January 4, 2013 requesting that the City remove and replace the three City owned trees growing in the parkway in front and on the side of the property. The City Arborist inspected the trees on January 8, 2013. The trees did not meet Category 1 or 2 removal criteria. The Applicant was informed of that decision. The Applicant contacted the Maintenance Services Manager via electronic mail requesting further review of the request. See Attachment 1. Following the inspection by the Maintenance Services Manager, the trees were evaluated by the Public Services Director and the determination was made to forward the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration.

The Applicant listed the following issues with the trees:

- The trees drop "huge pine cones that are a hazard and a nuisance to clean up".
- "The side parkway tree is buckling the street and curb".

ANALYSIS

The City Arborist evaluated the three trees, Southern Magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*, finding them to be healthy and in fair condition. The trees appear to be over-pruned,

resulting in few lower branches, fairly thin canopies and visible adventitious growth along the branches. This is not the typical pruning style performed by the City's contractor. This type of pruning, which removes more than the typical 10-15% of the foliage, may explain the less than vigorous condition of the trees.

The trees are designated as F1 – the tree located in front of the home on Cork Lane. S2 – the first tree located on the side of the property going east on McCormack. S1 – the second tree located on the side of the property going east on McCormack.

F1: The tree is approximately forty feet (40') in height, with a trunk diameter of fifteen inches (15"). This tree was previously root pruned with the adjacent sidewalk lift ground smooth. No significant concrete damage was observed.

S1: The tree is approximately forty-five feet (45') in height, with a trunk diameter of sixteen inches (16"). The roots on the sidewalk side of this tree were pruned at the time the sidewalk was replaced. The sidewalk is currently safe for pedestrian travel.

S2: The tree is approximately forty feet (40') in height, with a trunk diameter of twenty-two inches (22"). The roots on the sidewalk side of this tree were pruned at the time the sidewalk was replaced. The sidewalk is currently safe for pedestrian travel. The curb and gutter are becoming displaced due to root growth. The roots of the tree extend out into the street and are causing uplifted asphalt over a very large area. These roots would be removed at the time the street is rehabilitated. Root pruning is not a viable maintenance option at this time due to the root cutting that occurred for the reconstruction of the sidewalk.

All of the trees are located in five foot (5') wide turf parkways adjacent to a four foot (4') wide sidewalk. The aerial portions of the three trees were last pruned on January 3, 2012, by the City's tree maintenance contractor. See Attachment 2.

At the time of inspection, no leaf, flower or fruit litter was observed.

The trees do not meet the criteria for a staff level authorization for removal, as stated in the Streetscape and Median Development Standards. The City Arborist evaluated the trees for possible relocation, but believes that due to the cost of relocating the trees being greater than the value of the tree, and the low success rate of relocating Magnolia trees, relocation is not recommended. The Public Services Director reviewed the trees and determined that since the only damage attributable to the trees is the asphalt, curb and gutter, which would be repaired in the future during renovation of the street, he would not authorize the removal of the three trees.

The Applicant has been notified of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and has been sent a copy of this staff report.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of the trees, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the trees with three (3) twenty-four inch box-size trees (one for each tree removed) to be planted at the same address and six (6) fifteen gallon-size trees (two for each tree removed) to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

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

FISCAL REVIEW

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

For the Commission's information, the cost for the removal of the three (3) trees would be \$1,060. The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (3 – 24" box size and 6 – 15 gallon size) would be \$1,275. Costs are based on current City contract prices. Total cost for removal and replacement would be \$2,335.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The three parkway trees that have been requested to be removed are located within the public right-of-way in the front and to the side of 3126 Cork Lane. The trees are healthy and in fair condition. The Applicant states that the trees drop cones that are a hazard and are a nuisance to clean up; and are causing curb, gutter and roadway damage. Staff found the impacts attributable to the trees are primarily to the curb, gutter and roadway and could be repaired appropriately with future street maintenance projects. It is therefore recommended that the Commission deny the Applicant's request for removal of the three City parkway trees.


BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager


ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

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HARTLEY, BRUCE

Subject: FW: Parkway Trees - 3126 Cork Lane

From: Shaun Stellman [mailto:ssstellman@hubgroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 2:33 PM
To: HARTLEY, BRUCE
Subject: Re: Parkway Trees - 3126 Cork Lane

Mr Hartley,

Thanks again for taking the time to stop by and assess the parkway trees surrounding our house. I would prefer to remove all three trees. Please provide instructions on the subsequent actions required for review by the Parks and Recreation Commission this month.

Thank you!!

Shaun Stellman | Director - Intermodal Operations - West Region | The Hub Group, Inc.
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From: "HARTLEY, BRUCE" <BRUCE.HARTLEY@costamvba.ca.gov>
To: Shaun Stellman/The Hub Group Inc.@HubGroup
Date: 03/28/2013 03:38 PM
Subject: Parkway Trees - 3126 Cork Lane

Good Afternoon Mr. Stellman,

I stopped by on Monday and looked at the three Magnolia trees in the front and on the sides of your house. Although I agree with Dan Dominguez' assessment that the trees don't appear to meet the Category 1 removal criteria, I do understand your concerns that they have the potential to cause more of the problems you are observing. The tree in front does not appear to be causing any serious concrete damage issues at this time; I believe root pruning and root barriers would prevent any significant concrete damage for several years. However, the larger Magnolia on the side of the property is certainly causing significant problems with the pavement and is beginning to cause damage to concrete that appears to have been replaced before. Root pruning could be performed on either the sidewalk side or the street side, but not both due to concerns for the stability of the large tree afterwards. This tree may meet Category 2 removal criteria, but I would like the Public Services Director to take a look and perhaps approve that, which would avoid going to the Parks and Recreation Commission for determination. The smaller Magnolia on the side of the property could be managed utilizing root pruning and root barriers in my opinion to prevent concrete and asphalt damage.

If you would prefer to take all three of the trees out, we could take them to the Parks Commission in April. If you would like to wait and see what the Director says about each one, then I will schedule time with him out there next week and see what he thinks after he has looked at them in person.

04/12/2013

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

ATTACHMENT #2

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

Date Request Received: 4/3/2013

Name of Resident: Shaun Stelman Requesting Party: _____

Address: 3126 Cork Lane Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date Inspected: 4/3/2013

Inspected By: Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist

Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: Magnolia grandiflora F1 Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= \$ 300.00

Height: 40 Feet Width of Sidewalk: 4 Feet

Trunk Diameter: 15 Inches Size of Right-of-Way: 10 Feet

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: 1/03/2012

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments: **This tree is mature and would require an overly large box to accommodate the root system. Curb, gutter, street and sidewalk would have to be removed and replaced. Estimated tree value \$4,890.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage: **Lifting of sidewalk panel. Panels have been shaved down, no trip hazard at this time.**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: _____

Root Pruning Comments: **Tree can be root pruned on the sidewalk side.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: 4/03/2013

Photo #1: Street view looking east

Photo #2: Street view looking north

Photo #3: Street view looking south

Photo #4: Base of the tree



Site on 2 lists
[Edit Tree Site](#) - [Insert History](#) - [Calls](#) - [Street View](#) - [Photo Album](#) - [Notes](#)

Site Detail (33.685068978194,-117.9093689547)

District	Address	Location	Species	DBH	Height
6	3126 CORK LN	Front-1	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	13-18	15-30

Condition	Maintenance	Removal Priority	Estimated Value	Parkway Type	Parkway Size
Good	Grid Trlm	N/A	\$4,890	Parkway	5
Utility	Valid				
No	Yes				

Work History

Crew	Work Date	Work Type	Job #/Acct #	Amount
WCA	1/3/2012	Grid Pruning	19252	\$46.60
WCA	3/24/2009	Grid Pruning	12656	\$46.60
WCA	8/31/2006	Grid Pruning	9754	\$41.50
WCA	5/5/2003	Grid Trimming	5259	\$41.50

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

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

Date Request Received: 4/3/2013

Name of Resident: Shaun Stelman Requesting Party: _____

Address: 3126 Cork Lane Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date Inspected: 4/3/2013

Inspected By: Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist

Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: Magnolia grandiflora S2 Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= \$ 440.00

Height: 40 Feet Width of Sidewalk: 4 Feet

Trunk Diameter: 22 Inches Size of Right-of-Way: 10 Feet

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: 1/03/2012

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments: **This tree is mature and would require an overly large box to accommodate the root system. Curb, gutter, street and sidewalk would have to be removed and replaced. Estimated tree value \$9,110.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage: **Displacement of the curb. Sidewalk panel replaced in the past, no trip hazard at this time.**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: _____

Root Pruning Comments: **The tree was previously root pruned. Root pruning along curb may impact stability of the tree.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: 4/03/2013

Photo #1: Street view looking north

Photo #2: Street view looking west

Photo #3: Street view looking east

Photo #4: Base of the tree



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District	Address	Location	Species	DBH	Height
6	3126 CORK LN On: 1222 MCCORMACK LN	Side-2	Magnolia grandiflora SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	19-24	15-30
Condition	Maintenance	Removal Priority	Estimated Value	Parkway Type	Parkway Size
Good	Grid Trim	N/A	\$9,110	Parkway	5
Utility	Valid				
No	Yes				

Work History

Crew	Work Date	Work Type	Job #/Acct #	Amount
WCA	1/3/2012	Grid Pruning	19252	\$46.60
WCA	3/23/2009	Grid Pruning	12656	\$46.60
WCA	9/1/2006	Grid Pruning	9754	\$41.50
WCA	5/5/2003	Grid Trimming	5259	\$41.50

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

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Date Request Received: 4/3/2013

Name of Resident: Shaun Stelman Requesting Party: _____

Address: 3126 Cork Lane Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Date Inspected: 4/3/2013

Inspected By: Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist

Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: Magnolia grandiflora S1 Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= \$ 320.00

Height: 45 Feet Width of Sidewalk: 4 Feet

Trunk Diameter: 16 Inches Size of Right-of-Way: 10 Feet

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: 1/03/2012

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments: **This tree is mature and would require an overly large box to accommodate the root system. Curb, gutter, street and sidewalk would have to be removed and replaced. Estimated tree value \$4,890.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage: **Lifting of sidewalk panel. Panels have been shaved down, no trip hazard at this time.**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: _____

Root Pruning Comments: **Tree can be root pruned on the sidewalk side.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: 4/03/2013

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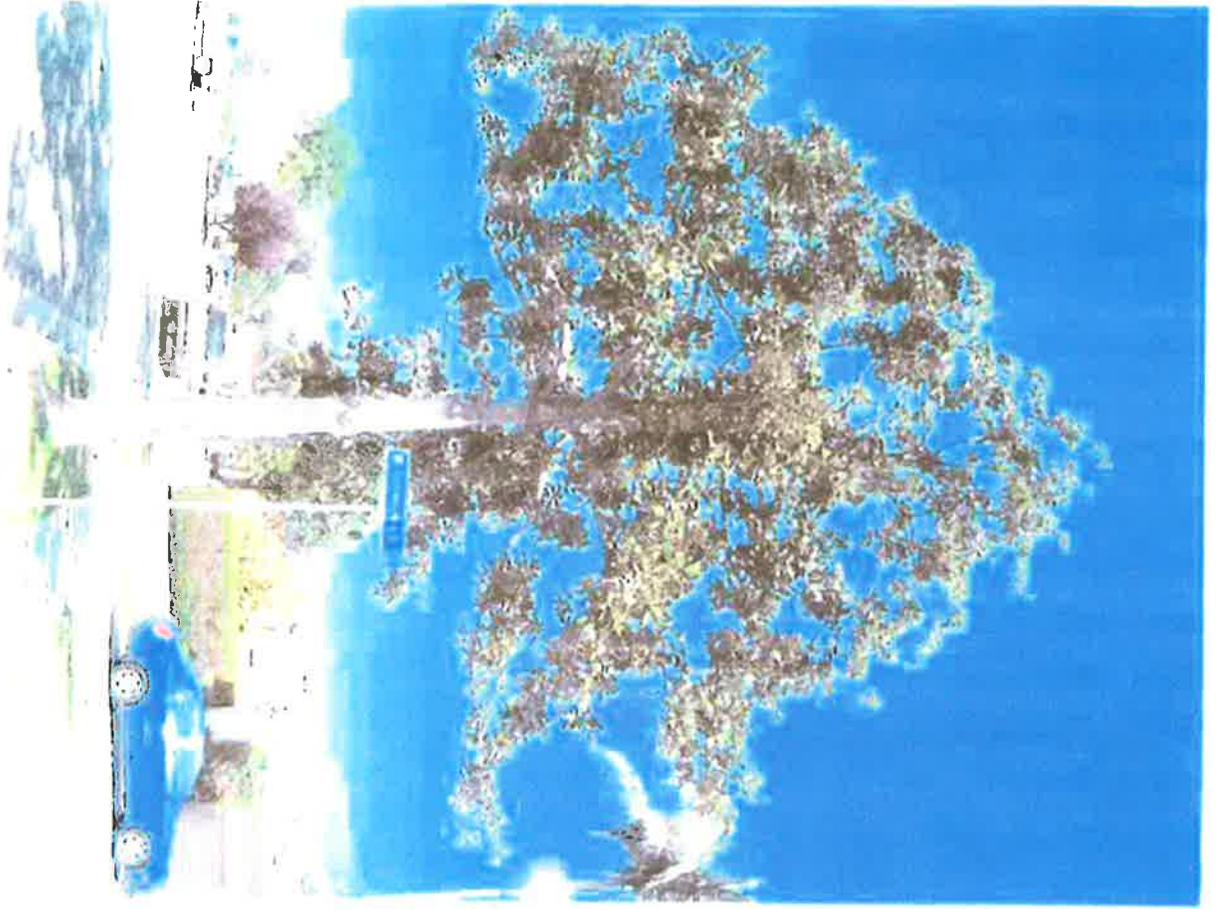
District	Address	Location	Species	DBH	Height
6	3126 CORK LN On: 1222 MCCORMACK LN	Side-1	Magnolia grandiflora SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	13-18	15-30

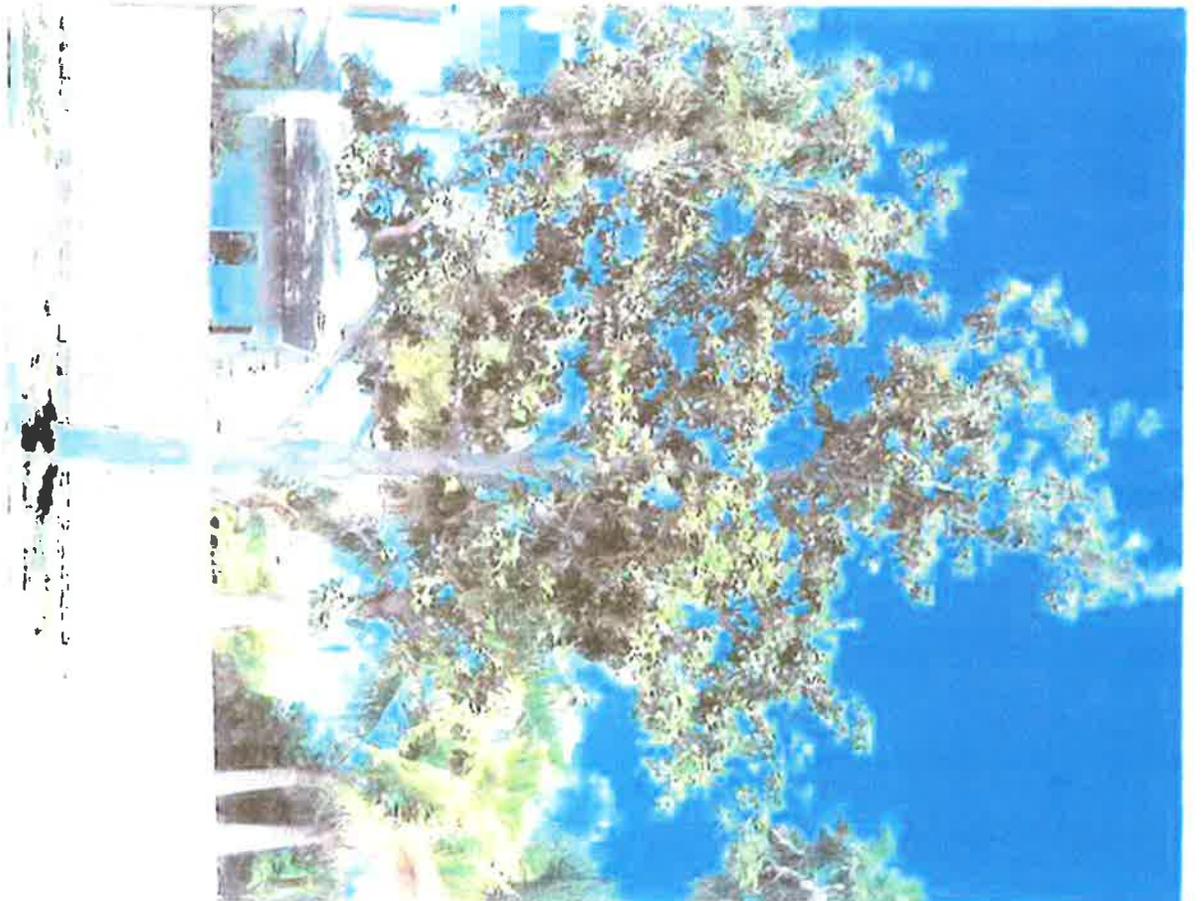
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Good	Grid Trim	N/A	\$4,890	Parkway	5
Utility	Valid				
No	Yes				

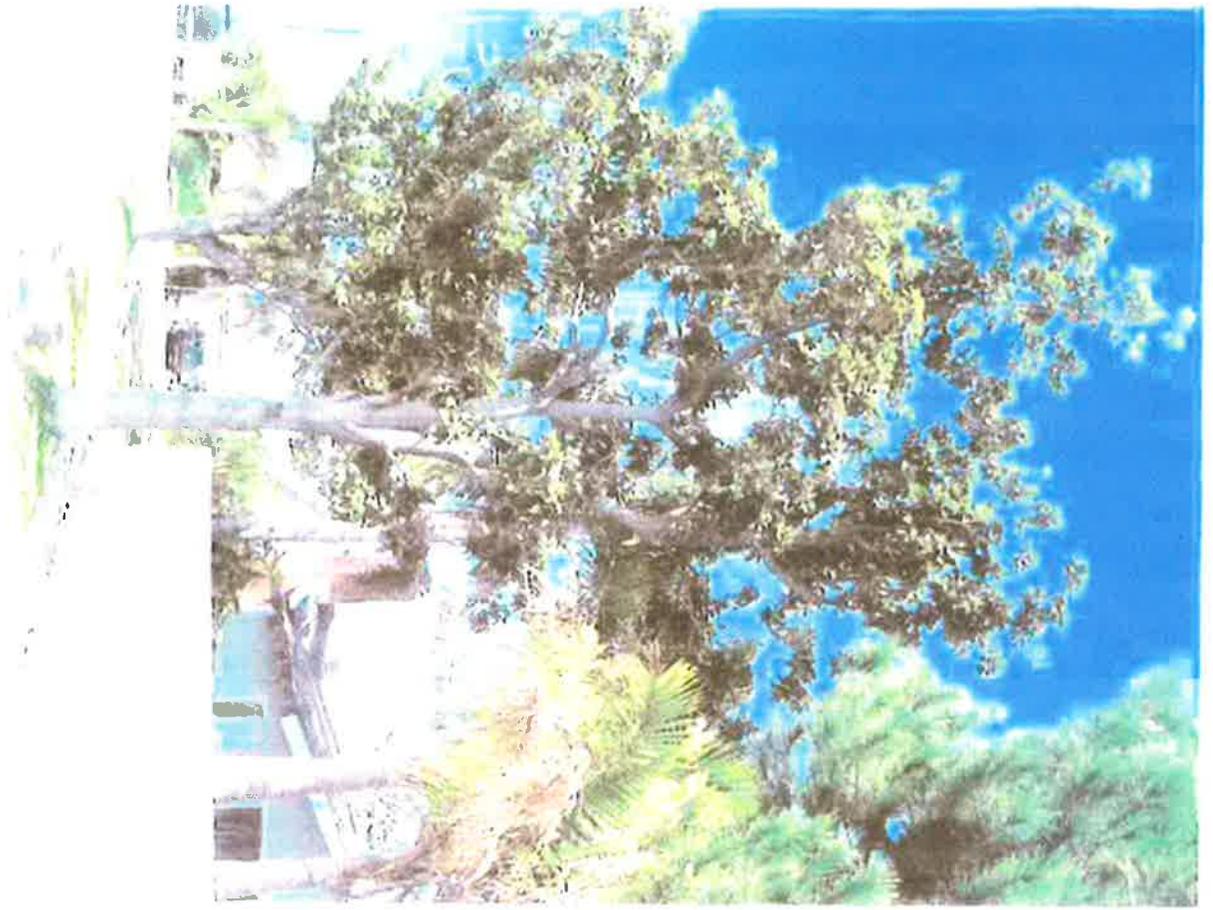
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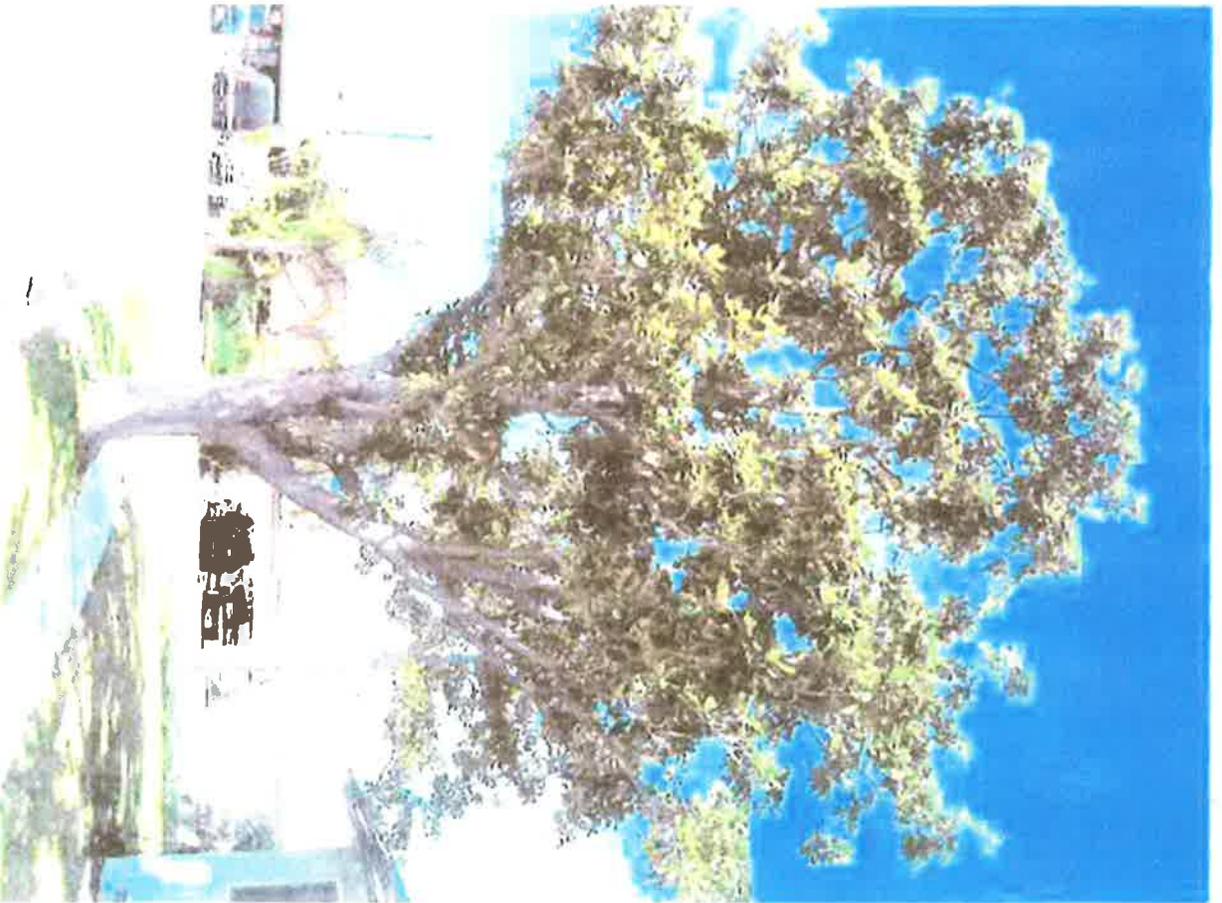








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Mr. Hartley stated November 8, 2011, is the last time it was trimmed. The canopy dense and it was determined to be a safe situation.

Chair de Arakal called for public comments.

No comments were provided.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Commissioner Graham spoke of the beauty of the street/trees.

Chair de Arakal called for comments or a motion from the commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried four to zero to deny the request for the removal of one (1) City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street.

9g Tree Removal Request – 400 Princeton
The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Chair de Arakal called for comments by the commission.

Commissioner Abernathy inquired how many liquid ambers are in the city.

Mr. Hartley stated more than 1,000. The decision to put large trees back into small parkways does not occur in the city.

Commissioner Graham suggested the tree has an effect on the street.

Chair de Arakal requested applicant comments.

1. Shawn Scott – Costa Mesa

Mr. Scott is the Applicant and he obtained a video of where the sewer line comes in; however, did not have it available. He has still photos of the roots going into the sewer line, which is 4' from the tree. The yard and parkway would look best without those roots. He doesn't want a new sewer line put in with those roots remaining.

Chair de Arakal asked for the evidence of the roots invading the sewer.

Mr. Scott provided a photo of where the plumber marked the sidewalk. The first photo depicted where the lateral is coming out and where they had to grind. A photo was provided of a sizeable crack in the blacktop (street) and the Applicant wondered if it wasn't generated from the tree.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Vice Chair Pederson asked if Mr. Scott wanted to have the tree replaced.

Mr. Scott indicated he was interested in that.

Chair de Arakal asked for public comments.

2. Mr. Nathan Ebejer – Costa Mesa

Mr. Ebejer endorsed the applicant's appeal. He spoke highly of the tree species (liquid amber).

Chair de Arakal invited commissioners to ask questions of Mr. Hartley. Chair de Arakal asked if this was the street tree.

Mr. Hartley indicated that is correct.

Chair de Arakal is inclined to grant a Category 3 discretionary removal. The roots do make it hard to maintain the parkway.

MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried four to zero to approve as a Category 3 discretionary removal with the condition if the Applicant meets the criteria to deem it a Category 1 removal, then Staff is authorized to remove the tree at City expense. If not determined a Category 1, the removal will remain a Category 3 with the standard 3:1 tree replacement required and all removal/replanting costs to be paid by the Applicant.

9h Tree Removal Request – 3126 Cork Lane
Mr. Hartley presented the report.

Chair de Arakal called for questions from the commissioners.

Chair de Arakal went by the home and noted that at the stub of the corner there is a significant rise from the curb to the sidewalk.

Mr. Hartley indicated there is a lift in the street due to the tree.

Chair de Arakal called for Applicant comments.

1. Shaun Stellman – Costa Mesa

Mr. Stellman indicated for safety and stability of the structures in and around the tree is the reason he is appealing the recommendation. The roots make it difficult to irrigate. Other than one (1) sewer problem, he has had no others. Power lines are going through the tree. Photos were provided of his driveway, sidewalk and roots surfacing.

Chair de Arakal asked commissioners if they had any questions from the Applicant.

Chair de Arakal noted the tree was last trimmed in January of last year.

Mr. Hartley indicated that they do a 10 to 15 percent trimming of foliage.

Chair de Arakal inquired of a timeframe for street rehabilitation on Cork Street.

Mr. Munoz indicated Cork Street will need some light rehabilitation within two (2) to three (3) years.

Chair de Arakal called for comments from the commissioners.

Vice Chair Pederson suggested the damage from the trees doesn't appear to be a Category 1 or Category 2, according to guidelines.

Commissioner Graham observed there is a vacancy of trees in that neighborhood. The trees provide shade and attractiveness to the neighborhood.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Graham, carried four to zero to deny the request for the removal of three (3) City-owned parkway trees located in the public right-of-way at 3126 Cork Lane with a one (1) year option to revisit the request.

91 **Park Tours**

Presentation by Mr. Knapp. The parks have been zoned and each commissioner has seven (7) to eight (8) parks. Chair de Arakal would be the roving commissioner. Commissioner Harper will have Zone 1 (Mesa Verde area); Commissioner Pederson will have Zone 2; Zone 3 was assigned to Commissioner Graham (predominantly the east side); and Zone 4 was assigned to Commissioner Abernathy (predominantly the west side including Fairview Park).

Mr. Knapp indicated that Harper Park is a small segment of Harper School.

Chair de Arakal inquired if all commissioners were comfortable with their zones. All concurred. Chair de Arakal indicated he would be the at-large individual, who will attend various tours. He asked if staff would work with each commissioner to create a schedule for tours, and notification to residents. Upon doing so, Chair de Arakal will be provided this information so he can establish his attendance.

Commissioner Abernathy has experience with park tours and indicated that notification to residents is important.

Mr. Knapp indicated communication will be through various methods.

Chair de Arakal wants to get a sense of what residents like about their parks and engage with the commissioners during the meetings to provide input from neighbors. He would like to explore homeowner's associations, neighborhood watch groups, realtors, etc. so they can formally be notified.

Commissioner Abernathy indicated that a realtor explained there is a social networking tool that might be of assistance. Commissioner Abernathy will provide information on that.

Vice Chair Pederson suggested signs at the parks indicating when the commissioners would be present.

Commissioner Graham queried what contact telephone number would be used.

3126 CORK LANE

F1 (FRONT)



S1 (SIDE)



S2 (SIDE)



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 77 FAIR DRIVE
 October 23, 2014 6:00 P.M.
 ACTION MINUTES

	Staff Recommendation	Action Minutes
7. Consent Calendar		
a) Contract Classes	Approve	MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Harper, carried five to zero, to approve fees for five (5) new senior instructional classes, two (2) new aquatic instructional classes, and six (6) fee increases for current instructional classes.
9. New Business	Staff Recommendation	
a) Tree Removal Request – 1106 Redding Avenue	Deny	MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried five to zero, to deny request to remove tree from 1106 Redding Avenue
b) Tree Removal Request – 2059 Flamingo Drive	Deny	MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried five to zero, to Deny request.
c) Tree Removal Request – 115 Broadway	Deny	MOTION made by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Commissioner Graham, carried four to one, with Vice Chair Pederson voting no, to approve the removal of one (1) City-owned tree in the public right-of-way, per the Streetscape and Meridian Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of each tree with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree to be planted at the same address and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted elsewhere on City property. The applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs. 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, and direct staff to bring back proposal, to replace all five (5) trees, to the November 20, 2014 meeting
d) Tree Removal Request – 3126 Cork Lane	Approve Staff Recommendation	MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Harper, carried five to zero, to approve the Staff Recommendation

		<p>for the removal of one (1) tree in front of 3126 Cork Lane and Deny the removal of two (2) city-owned trees on the McCormick side of the property, until the City Arborist can meet with the resident, and instructs staff to bring back in November, the timeframe when street maintenance and repairs will be done in that area.</p>
<p>e) Park Districts and Signage</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero, for Staff to come back in November with finalized policy.</p>
<p>f) Placentia Avenue Median Improvement Project</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero, to approve the Placentia Avenue Median Improvement Project concept.</p>
<p>g) Red Hill Avenue Median Improvement Project</p>	<p>Approve</p>	<p>MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried five to zero, to approve the Red Hill Avenue Median Improvement Project concept.</p>