



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 24, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: **8f**

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 216 FLOWER STREET
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DATE: MARCH 10, 2016

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 to remove one (1) City owned parkway tree growing in the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street at City expense.

BACKGROUND

The Maintenance Services Division has worked with the Applicant for several years trying to address various issues with the parkway tree growing in front of her property. This request has been heard by the Commission on two prior occasions. The most recent request for removal was accompanied with a letter and copy of the Claim for Damages submitted to the City on November 2, 2015. See Attachment 1.

The Applicant states that the roots of the tree have caused damage to the driveway and is requesting that the tree be removed.

On October 27, 2011, the Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant requesting trimming of the tree. On November 4, 2011, the City Arborist contacted the Applicant and informed her that the tree would be trimmed in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Parks staff trimmed the tree on November 8, 2011.

On August 29, 2012, the City Arborist was contacted by Engineering Division staff to evaluate the tree for removal and contact the Applicant. The Arborist evaluated the tree and found it to be healthy and in good condition. It did not meet any criteria for removal. The Applicant was contacted and informed of his decision. The Applicant suggested "topping" the tree. The previous City's Arborist informed the Applicant that the City does not top trees and that the tree does not need trimming at this time. A concession was made to evaluate the tree in the spring of 2013 to see if the tree meets removal criteria.

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant via phone call on April 16, 2013, stating that the tree roots were cut by the City contractor replacing the curb and repaving the street. The Applicant requested the City inspect the tree. On April 16, 2013, the Arborist inspected the tree and found that the tree was still in good condition and that the tree has an extensive root system and is stable despite being cut for sidewalk replacement. The Applicant was informed of his findings. The Applicant was provided with removal criteria information.

The Applicant requested that the Parks and Recreation Commission consider the removal request. On June 27, 2013, the Parks and Recreation Commission denied the request to have the tree removed. See Attachment 2.

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant on September 5, 2013, reporting that a large limb fell and was requesting removal. City staff arrived and found no limb down. The following day, the Arborist inspected the tree and found the tree to be in fair condition and no evidence of limb loss. He spoke to the Applicant and informed her that the tree was safe and did not meet Category I removal criteria.

The Public Services Director, Maintenance Services Manager and the Arborist conducted a site visit on September 12, 2015, to assess the tree. It was the consensus of all three that the tree would remain. The Arborist would continue to monitor the tree.

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant on September 17, 2013, stating that the renter is requesting that the tree be checked for safety. On September 17, 2013, the Maintenance Services Manager spoke with resident and discussed his concerns. The resident was assured that the tree is safe, it would be monitored and that there would be no further action required.

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant on March 3, 2014, requesting the tree to be evaluated after the recent storm, as large limbs have allegedly fallen in the past. On March 5, 2014, the Arborist evaluated the tree and determined that the tree was in good condition, with no observable signs of the tree responding to the recent root prune and that there was no cracking of the soil around the tree or broken/dead branches, which might indicate failure. He contacted the Applicant and informed her of his findings.

The Maintenance Services Division was again contacted by the Applicant on December 1, 2014, stating that the tree was oozing a substance that is killing the grass at the base of the tree and was concerned that the tree will injure someone if it falls over.

The Maintenance Services Division generated a chronological order of all of the request made by the Applicant. See Attached work order #14122049. See Attachment 5. The sapping is a response to the tree healing itself from the notch cuts made to repair the curb and gutter and that the root system of the tree is extensive and the likelihood of blow-over failure is extremely unlikely due to the amount of openness there is in the canopy. The sheer wood mass of the relative to the amount of the canopy does not support possible 'blow over scenarios'.

The Applicant was informed that the tree would not be removed. It was again agendized for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission, which again denied the Applicant's request on February 26, 2015. See Attachment 3. The Commission was asked to remove the tree due to alleged damage to the Applicant's walkway and driveway. The City's tree maintenance contractor performed root pruning and installed root barriers along the edge of the walkway and driveway once the damaged concrete was broken out by the Applicant's contractor. There was no definitive conclusion reached as to the cause of the damaged driveway. The work was completed on April 1, 2015.

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant on October 27, 2015, again requesting that the tree be evaluated. On October 27, 2015, the Arborist inspected

the tree and the tree appeared to be healthy. A sap-like substance was noticed on all four (4) sides of the tree during the inspection. It appeared that the sap may have been a reaction of the tree due to the previous trimming and/or root pruning, but did not indicate any structural deficiency with the tree.

The Applicant submitted a letter dated January 14, 2016, requesting the removal of the tree. However, since the February meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission would have been less than one year from the date the Applicant's previous request was heard by the Commission, the request was placed on the March agenda.

ANALYSIS

The tree is a Red Flowering Gum, *Eucalyptus ficifolia*. The tree is in good health with no apparent structural issues or diseases present. The tree is approximately thirty-five feet (35') in height with a trunk diameter of forty-seven inches (47"). It is growing in a ten foot (10') right-of-way, adjacent to the curb, with no adjacent sidewalk. The tree has been maintained by the City on a frequency that exceeds normal pruning cycles. This tree has been trimmed six (6) times by the City's contractor and once by City staff in the past fifteen (15) years; it was last trimmed on May 5, 2014. See Attachments 4, 5 and 6.

The tree is not a risk to the health and safety of the public. It is not dead, diseased or dying and does not appear to be creating any significant exposure to liability for the City. The tree does 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 tree for possible relocation, but believes due to the size, low probability of success and the high cost of relocating the tree, relocation is not recommended.

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 the tree as a Category 1 – 'Health and Safety' removal with all removal and replacement costs paid for by the City and determine if a replacement tree is to be planted.
2. The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of the tree, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.2 Category 2 – Accelerated Removals or Section 4.0.3 Category 3 – Convenience Removal, which would require the replacement of the 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 the tree removal is approved by the Commission, the payment for the removal of the parkway tree and any required mitigation trees must be provided to the City prior to removal and 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 tree was denied, or approved as a Category 2 - Accelerated Removal or Category 3 – Convenience Removal, as the Applicant would pay all costs.

For the Commission's information, removal cost for this tree would be \$940. The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (1 – 24" box size and 2 – 15 gallon container size) would be \$425. Costs are based on current City contract prices. The total cost for removal and replacement would be \$1,365.

If approved as a Category 1 – Health and Safety Removal, the cost to the City for the removal would be \$940; with a cost of \$225 for the installation of one 24" box-size replacement tree. Total cost would be \$1,165.

The value of the tree is estimated to be \$9,830.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The City-owned tree that has been requested to be removed at City expense is located in the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street. The tree is in good condition, has been maintained appropriately on a regular schedule. There is no longer any damaged concrete adjacent to the tree. The City replaced the curb and the Applicant replaced a walkway and a portion of the driveway. There is no justification for the removal of the tree. It is recommended that the Commission deny the request to have the City incur the removal and replacement cost.


BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager


ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. Letter From Resident
 2. Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report dated June 27, 2013 and Minute Excerpt
 3. Parks and Recreation Commission Agenda Report dated February 26, 2015 and Action Minutes
 4. Tree Information & Maintenance History
 5. 'Costa Maintenance' work orders
 6. Photographs

C: Dorothy Bayliss
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

JANUARY 14, 2014
 Dorothy L Bayliss
 223 Virginia Place
 Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627

MAINTENANCE SERVICES
 DIVISION
 City of Costa Mesa
 California 92628-1200

City of Costa Mesa,

This letter is to request The Park and Recreation Commission to consider the removal of the tree located at 216 Flower Street, Costa Mesa California

I am enclosing a copy of the 1st page, titled City of Costa Mesa Claim for Damages to Person OR Property. The City and Jackie Marquez have pictures showing the damage the roots did to my driveway. The City of Costa Mesa put barriers in front of the repaired cement driveway and sidewalk, I was told this might be good for 3 year protection.

The removal of this tree should be done with the City of Costa Mesa paying All Cost and any damage done to my property in the process of the removal of the tree.

Sincerely

Dorothy L Bayliss

Dorothy L Bayliss

2/Bruce Hartley
 Larry Dreiman
 City Arborist
 Doug Kokesh



City of Costa Mesa
CLAIM FOR DAMAGES
 TO PERSON OR PROPERTY

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 CITY OF COSTA MESA
 BY *W. Trajano*

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 2. Claims for damages to real property must be filed not later than one year after the occurrence (Gov. Code Section 911.2).
 3. Provide correct and complete information. Claim forms that are unsigned or have insufficient information will be returned with no action taken.
 4. Attach separate sheets, if needed, to give full details. SIGN EACH SHEET.
 5. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY USING BLACK OR BLUE INK.

File with: City Clerk
 City of Costa Mesa
 77 Fair Drive
 Costa Mesa CA 92626
 714-754-5225

This is a NEW AMENDED Claim

Claimant's Name: Dorothy L. Bayliss Date of Birth: 3-24-1940 Daytime Phone: ~~949-642-1794~~
 Claimant's Mailing Address: 223 Virginia Place Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627
 Number Street Apt. No. City State Zip

Give name, address and phone number to which you desire notices or communication to be sent regarding this claim:
 Name: Dorothy L. Bayliss Relationship: Self
 Address: 223 Virginia Place Costa Mesa Calif. 92627 Daytime Phone: ~~949-642-1794~~
 Number Street City State Zip

Date of Incident: _____ Time of Incident: _____
 Was this incident reported to a law enforcement agency? Yes [] No If yes, which agency/report#? _____
 Were paramedics called? Yes [] No If yes, name of agency/report#? _____

Location of incident. State in as much detail as possible and attach photographs and diagram, if applicable to this claim:
 Address: 216 Flower St, Costa Mesa, Calif Street: Flower St Cross-Street: Orange Ave
Existing concrete driveway and entry sidewalk removed and replaced.
Photos are available - Contractor: City of Costa Mesa - AND Adam Popp took pictures - I have pictures 949-642-1794 Dorothy Bayliss

Describe the incident that caused this claim: Cracked concrete driveway and uplified entry walk where it meets the driveway. Years of tree root growing under driveway and sidewalk. Only tree in front yard is the City of Costa Mesa's tree

State why you believe the City is responsible. Identify City employee(s) involved, if known. Give exact and full details, attach additional pages if necessary: The city Red Flowering Gum (Eucalyptus ficifolia) has extensive root system
Cost Arborists Inc. - Gabriel Soto Porman
Doug Kokesh - City Arborist
Bruce Hartley - Maintenance Service Manager

WARNING: PRESENTATION FOR ALLOWANCE OR PAYMENT OF A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM, WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD, IS A CRIME PUNISHABLE AS A FELONY UNDER CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE SECTION 72



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 27, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: 9f

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 216 FLOWER STREET**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 one City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street.

BACKGROUND

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant on April 16, 2013, requesting that the City inspect the tree for stability, as the roots were cut for a curb and gutter replacement project.

ANALYSIS

This item was previously agendized 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 City Arborist inspected the tree, a Red Flowering Gum, *Eucalyptus ficifolia*, on April 16, 2013, and found it to be in good condition. The Arborist noted that the tree had a 'lignotuber' (a swollen area of non-root tissue at the base of the tree) which was notched by the contractor who performed the curb and gutter repairs for form placement. The cutting of the lignotuber does not affect the root system. He also noted the canopy of the tree had been pruned or 'opened up' in the past to lessen the 'sail effect' from the wind. The tree has an extensive root system and is stable. It is approximately thirty feet (30') in height with a trunk diameter of forty-three inches (43"). It is growing immediately adjacent to the street, with no adjacent sidewalk or defined parkway. The public right-of-way width at that location is ten feet beyond the road edge. The tree was pruned last on November 8, 2011. No root pruning has been completed or barriers installed at this location.

The City received a letter from the Applicant, dated April 18, 2013, requesting the City remove the tree. See Attachment 1.

The Applicant's letter provided the following reasons for the removal request:

- Roots from the tree have been cut to repair the curb and driveway.
- The tree is very large and could harm people.

The tree does 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 tree for possible relocation, but believes that due to the size and cost of relocating the tree, relocation is not recommended. The tree does not meet Category 1 or 2 removal criteria. The Applicant was informed of that decision and was provided the removal criteria.

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 tree, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the 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 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 tree 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 tree would be \$860. The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (1 – 24" box size and 2 – 15 gallon size) would be \$425. Costs are based on current City contract prices. Total cost for removal and replacement would be \$1,285. The value of the tree is estimated to be \$9,830.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The City-owned street tree that has been requested to be removed is located within the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street. The tree is in good condition. The Applicant is concerned that the tree may not be safe and may harm someone or cause property damage, due to its large size, if it were to fall.

The Red Flowering Eucalyptus tree growing in the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street is not currently causing any observable damage to either public or private property. It does

not meet the criteria required to allow for staff to approve its removal. The basis of the request appears to be related to a concern for the structural integrity of the tree and the potential for harm or damage it may cause should it fail. The City Arborist determined that the tree is stable and safe. Lacking any substantive reasons as a basis for removal, staff recommends that the Commission deny the request.


BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager


ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Letter from Applicant requesting removal of parkway tree
2. Tree Information and Work Order
3. Photographs

C: Dorothy Bayliss
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

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During a City...
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, Calif 9262
PK No 949-642-1794
April 18, 2013

City of Costa Mesa
PO Box 1200
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626-1200

City of Costa Mesa,

I have talked to Tom Banks, Daniel Dominguez, and Larry Dreiman, concerning the tree at 216 Flower Street, Costa Mesa, California. I still feel the tree should be removed, at the full cost of the City of Costa Mesa.

To repair the curb they have cut the root at the base of the tree. If you looked at the drive way before they repaired the curb and drive way, you would have seen the damage. The tree is "very large." It could harm the people that live there.

I want to "Express" again I think the tree should be removed, at full cost to the city, before some one or something is hurt or damaged.

Sincerely
Dorothy L Bayliss
Dorothy L BAYLISS

TOM BANKS
DANIEL DOMINGUEZ
LARRY DREIMAN

**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 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: April 18, 2013 (date of letter)

Name of Resident:	_____	Requesting Party:	<u>Dorothy Bayliss (owner)</u>
Address:	_____	Address:	<u>216 Flower Street</u>
Home Phone:	_____	Home Phone:	_____
Work Phone:	_____	Work Phone:	_____

Date Inspected: 5/07/2013
 Inspected By: Daniel Dominguez III – Interim City Arborist
 Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species:	<u>Eucalyptus ficifolia F1</u>	Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)=	<u>\$ 860.00</u>
Height:	<u>30 Feet</u>	Width of Sidewalk:	<u>NA Feet</u>
Trunk Diameter:	<u>43 Inches</u>	Size of Right-of-Way:	<u>10 Feet</u>

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: 11/08/2011

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments: Extensive root system. Root ball requirements for this size of tree would impacted street, curb & gutter, private driveway and walkway. Estimated tree value \$9,830.00

Concrete Damage: Yes No Recently repaired.

If Yes, describe damage: **Drive approach and curb & gutter recently replaced. Onsite walkway cracked and lifted.**

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

Root Pruning Comments: The tree's lignotuber was recently cut to accommodate installation of new curb & gutter. Additional root pruning would have a negative effect on tree health and stability.

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: 5/07/2013

Photo #1: Street view looking north
 Photo #2: Street view looking east
 Photo #3: Street view looking west
 Photo #4: Base of the tree

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subject: Tree Roots Cut Inspection Required

detailed description:

the tree roots were cut by the people who are fixing the street. Inspect tree for stability.

Req'd date:	2013-04-16 (Request entered by: Daniel Dominguez III)	Req'd by:	Dorothy Davis
Location:	218 Flower Street	Phone:	949-642-1794
Work Order Nr:	13040614	District:	26
Supervisor:	City Arborist	Employee:	Dominguez, Dan
Call back needed:	N	Contacted date:	2013-04-17
OSHA safety concern:	N	Status:	Closed
Completion date:	2013-04-17	Inspection date:	2013-04-16
Hours:	0 Minutes: 30	Material cost:	0.00

Action taken:

4/16/2013 F1 Eucalyptus ficifolia in good condition. Tree lignotuber was notched by the curb and gutter contractor for form placement. Tree has an extensive root system and is stable. The canopy of the tree has been opened up in the past to lessen the sail effect from the wind. No indication that the tree would fail. Spoke to property owner and informed her of our findings. Faxed her removal criteria sheet. No action. DD

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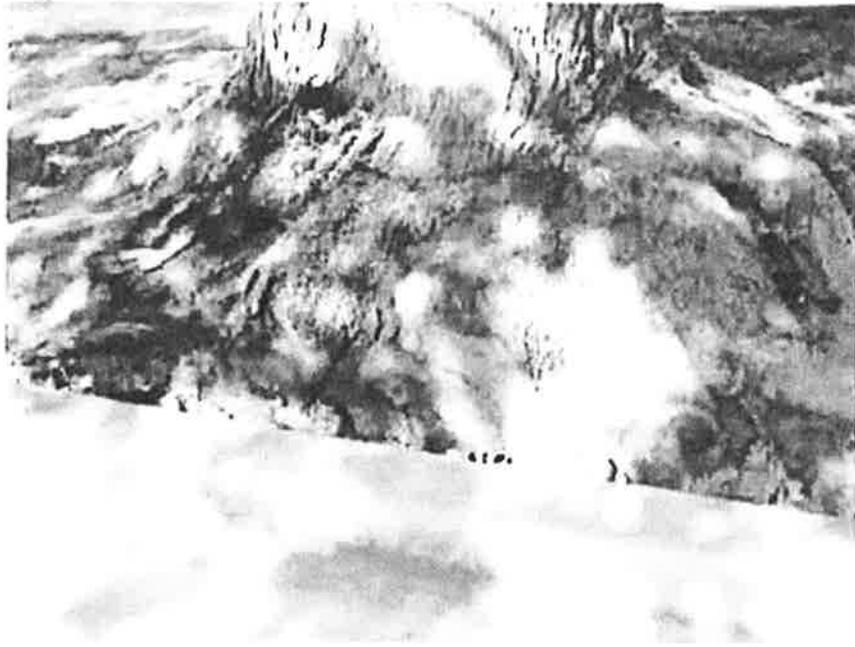


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Vice Chair Pederson asked Mr. Mejia if there have been any discussion to perform any changes with the existing track area.

Mr. Mejia indicated when the OCME proposes to make changes, they request from the city to do so. It is required if they request an expansion or modification that they acquire permission beforehand.

Commissioner Graham indicated the facility is unique and he is happy it is in Costa Mesa.

Chair de Arakal stated he is happy that the train facility is a brand in Costa Mesa. The Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee is currently looking at community needs in Fairview Park. He suggested a new agreement is necessary as the current one is outdated.

Vice Chair Pederson spoke about the advisory committee and the work they are tasked with. He suggested extending the agreement for a year and let the advisory committee come with recommendations.

Commissioner Abernathy shared appreciation to those who spoke and agreed with the previous comments.

MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, and carried four to zero to extend Orange County Model Engineers License Agreement for Use of a Portion of Fairview Park through December 31, 2014, with possible renegotiation commencing upon Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee completion of their plan.

9d Tree Removal Request – 1953 Pelican Place

Commissioner Graham requested to be recused from this agenda item.

Chair de Arakal honored his request.

Mr. Hartley provided the report.

Chair de Arakal called for comments.

1. Trena Tuppan – Costa Mesa

Ms. Tuppan is the Applicant and spoke about sewage problems due to the tree. The tree had been scheduled to be removed, and it was abruptly halted. She urged the commission to approve removal of the tree.

MOTION made by Chair de Arakal, seconded by Vice Chair Pederson, carried three to zero to approve the request for the removal of one (1) City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 1953 Pelican Place. Commissioner Graham recused himself.

9e Tree Removal Request – 789-795 Paularino

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Chair de Arakal called for comments.

1. Greg Ocasek, RSI Development

Applicant Mr. Ocasek indicated they (RSI Development) were in agreement with the report recommendation.

Chair de Arakal called for additional public comments.

No additional comments were offered.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Pederson, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, carried four to zero to approve the request for the removal of one (1) City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 795 Paularino Avenue with the provided conditions.

9f Tree Removal Request – 216 Flower Street

The report was presented by Mr. Hartley.

Chair de Arakal opened up questions to the commissioners. None said, Chair de Arakal asked Mr. Hartley about the root trimming process.

Mr. Hartley indicated that after it is assessed and determined it will be safe, the roots are cut. It is then trimmed on a regular rotation basis unless there is a concern.

Chair de Arakal asked when the tree was last pruned.

Mr. Hartley stated November 8, 2011, is the last time it was trimmed. The canopy is not overly 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 applicants 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.



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE FEBRUARY 26, 2015

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 216 FLOWER STREET
DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2015
FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MAINTENANCE SERVICES DIVISION
PRESENTATION BY: BRUCE A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICES MANAGER
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RECOMMENDATION

Deny the request for the removal of one City-owned parkway tree located in the public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street.

BACKGROUND

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant via telephone on December 1, 2014, and received a letter dated December 2, 2014, requesting that the City remove the tree at no cost to the property owner because it is oozing a substance that is killing the grass surrounding the tree and staining the private walkway in close proximity to the tree. See Attachment 1. The Applicant believes the tree is positioned too close to the residence and in the event of its failure, could pose a risk to the house and the occupants.

This item was previously agendized for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of June 17, 2013. At that time, the Commission denied the request for removal.

ANALYSIS

On December 4, 2014, the City Arborist re-inspected the tree, a Red Flowering Gum, *Eucalyptus ficifolia*, and found it to be in good condition. The Arborist noted that the tree had a series of sap flows indicative of a build-up of positive pressure inside the tree. Often this type of internal pressure is caused by the pruning of a tree. Records indicate that the tree was pruned by the City's contracted tree service on May 5, 2014, thus causing the sap to seep from several pruning cuts and cracks present in the bark and sapwood layers. Typically, sap flows will continue until the tree reaches a state of balanced internal pressure. The sap may stain concrete or if heavy, may have an effect on turf or other understory plants.

The Arborist also noted that the tree has an extensive root system and is stable. It is approximately thirty feet (30') in height with a trunk diameter of forty-four inches (44"). It is growing immediately adjacent to the street, with no adjacent sidewalk or defined parkway. The public right-of-way width at that location is ten feet beyond the road edge. Root pruning has occurred along the street side of this tree to accommodate curb and gutter repairs performed at this location. These cuts further explain the reason behind the substantial sap flow of this tree occurring at the present time.

The letter from the Applicant requesting the City remove the tree provided the following reasons for the removal request:

- Oozing substance from the tree is killing the grass surrounding the base of the tree and is staining the private walkway in close proximity to the tree.
- Due to the tree's close proximity to the house, there is a belief that the tree could harm people.

The tree does 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 tree for possible relocation, but believes that due to the size and cost of relocating the tree, relocation is not recommended. The tree does not meet Category 1 or 2 removal criteria. The Applicant was informed of that decision and was provided with the removal criteria in 2013.

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 tree, per the Streetscape and Median Development Standards, Section 4.0.3 – Discretionary Removals, which would require the replacement of the 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 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 tree 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 tree would be \$880. The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (1 – 24" box size and 2 – 15 gallon size) would be \$425. Costs are based on current City contract prices. Total cost for removal and replacement would be \$1,305. The value of the tree is estimated to be \$9,830.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The City-owned street tree that has been requested to be removed is located within the ten foot wide public right-of-way at 216 Flower Street. The tree is in good condition. The Applicant is concerned that the tree may not be safe and may harm someone or cause property damage if it were to fail.

The Red Flowering Eucalyptus tree is not currently causing any observable damage to either public or private property besides that of the stated dying grass and stained walkway that the Applicant believes is due to the sap flow of the tree. It does not meet the criteria required to allow for staff to approve its removal. The basis of the request appears to be related to a concern for the structural integrity of the tree and the potential for harm or damage it may cause should it fail. The City Arborist determined that the tree is stable and safe and has determined that the observed sap flow has no significance as it relates to the tree's potential for failure. Therefore, it is recommended that the Commission deny the request.



BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager



ERNESTO MUNOZ
Public Services Director

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. Letter from Applicant requesting removal of parkway tree
 2. Tree Information
 3. Photographs

C: Dorothy Bayliss
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Resident
216 Flower Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

December 2, 2017
Dorothy L. Bayliss
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, Calif 92627
Ph No. [REDACTED]

ATTACHMENT #1

City of Costa Mesa
PO Box 1200
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626-1200

City of Costa Mesa,

I am enclosing copies of the letters dated April 18, 2013
and June 21, 2013.

I am asking for the removal of the tree located
at; 216 Flower Street
Costa Mesa, Calif 92627

{ Removal of a street tree
at NO COST TO
The property owner

They repaired the damage the tree roots did to the
curb about April 18, 2013. It is now ozing a substance
on to the grass and my front sidewalk, It is killing
the grass and staining the sidewalk. Which I think
The City should compensate me for the damage.
The BIGGEST worry I have and I think the
City should consider is it is so close to the house
that PEOPLE can get hurt or worst killed.

Sincerely
Dorothy L. Bayliss
Dorothy L. Bayliss

% Doug Kokesch
Bruce A. HARTLEY
LARRY DREIMAN

June 21, 2013
Dorothy L Bayliss
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, Calif 9262

City of Costa Mesa, Calif.
% Bruce A. HARTLEY, MAINTENANCE SERVICE
MANAGER
PO Box 1200
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92628-1200

City of Costa Mesa,

The tree at 216 Flower Street measures 10' from the street side of curb to the last above ground root. The last above ground root of the tree to the foundation of the house measures 14' ~~4"~~. The closest above ground root to the driveway is 2' 5 1/2". The closest above ground root to the sidewalk that goes to the entrance of the house 11".

Will the city of Costa Mesa approve funds to maintain and repair as needed these locations including the roof of the home?

Nice People live in this Home. Will the City provide Free Medical for them if the Tree harms them without a lawsuit?

Sincerely
Dorothy L Bayliss
Dorothy L BAYLISS
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Dorothy L BAYLISS
223 Virginia Place
Costa Mesa, Calif 92626
PK No [REDACTED]
April 18, 2013

City of Costa Mesa
PO Box 1200
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626-1200

City of Costa Mesa,
I have talked to Tom Banks, Daniel Dominguez and
Larry Dreiman, concerning the tree at 216 Flower
Street, Costa Mesa, California. I still feel the tree
should be removed, at the full cost of the City of
Costa Mesa.

To repair the curb they have cut the root at the
base of the tree. If you looked at the drive way
before they repaired the curb and drive way, you
would have seen the damage. The tree is "Very
Large". It could harm the people that live there.
I want to "Express" again I think the tree
should be removed, at full cost to the city, before
some one or something is hurt or damaged.

Sincerely
Dorothy L Bayliss
Dorothy L Bayliss

Tom Banks
DANIEL DOMINGUEZ
LARRY DREIMAN

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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 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: December 2, 2014 (date of letter)

Name of Resident: _____	Requesting Party: <u>Dorothy Bayliss (owner)</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>216 Flower Street</u>
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____

Date Inspected: 12/04/2014
 Inspected By: Doug Kokesh, Parks & Urban Forestry Superintendent/City Arborist
 Parkway Maintenance Report:

Tree Species: <u>Eucalyptus ficifolia F1</u>	Removal Cost: (DBH x \$20.00)= <u>\$ 880.00</u>
Height: <u>30 Feet</u>	Width of Sidewalk: <u>NA Feet</u>
Trunk Diameter: <u>44 Inches</u>	Size of Right-of-Way: <u>10 Feet</u>

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: 05/05/14

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments: **Extensive root system. Root ball requirements for this size of tree would impacted street, curb & gutter, private driveway and walkway. Estimated tree value \$9,830.00**

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage:

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

Root Pruning Comments: **The tree's lignotuber was recently cut to accommodate installation of new curb & gutter. Additional root pruning would have a negative effect on tree health and stability.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

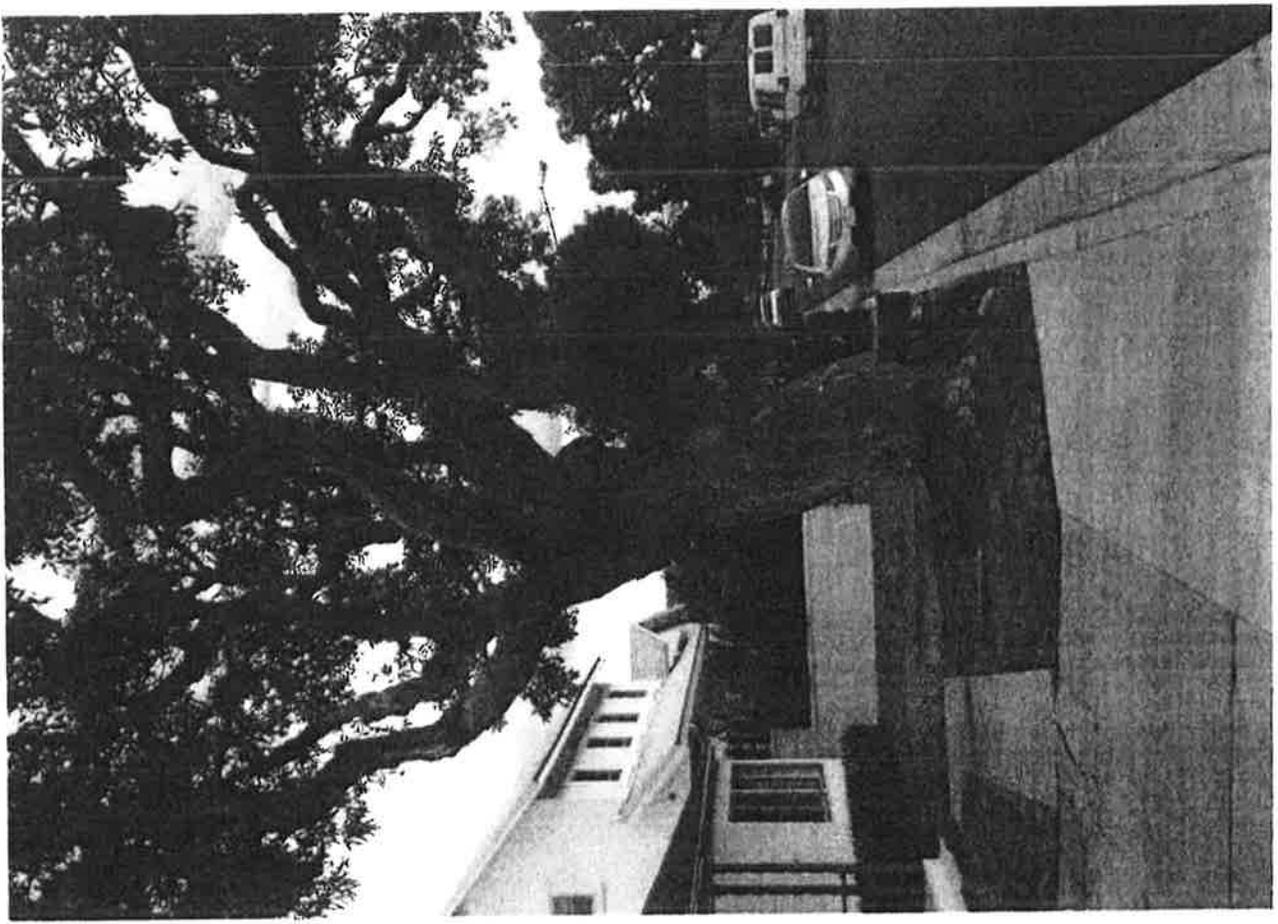
Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: 12/04/14

Photo #1: Street view looking north
 Photo #2: Street view looking east
 Photo #3: Street view looking west
 Photo #4: Base of the tree



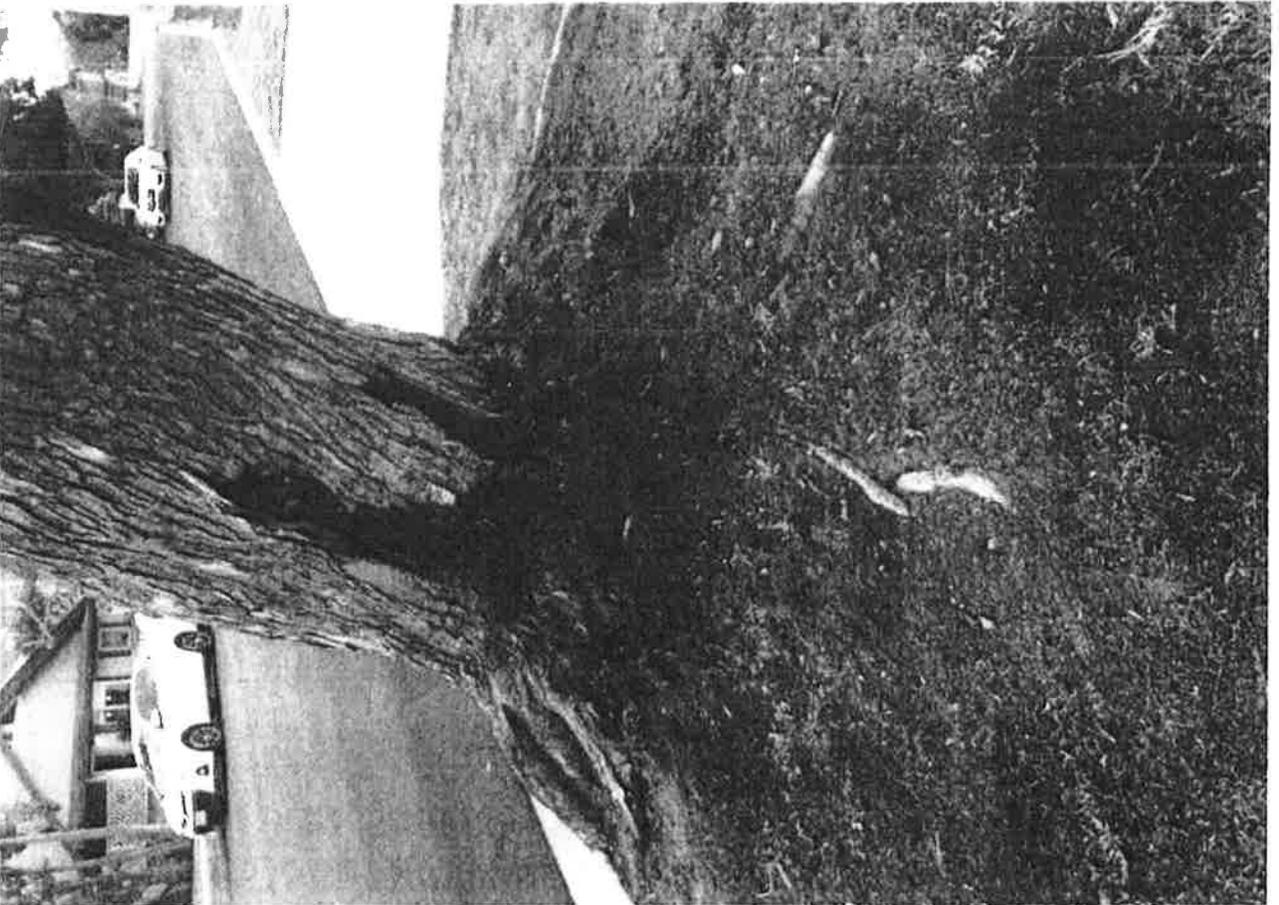
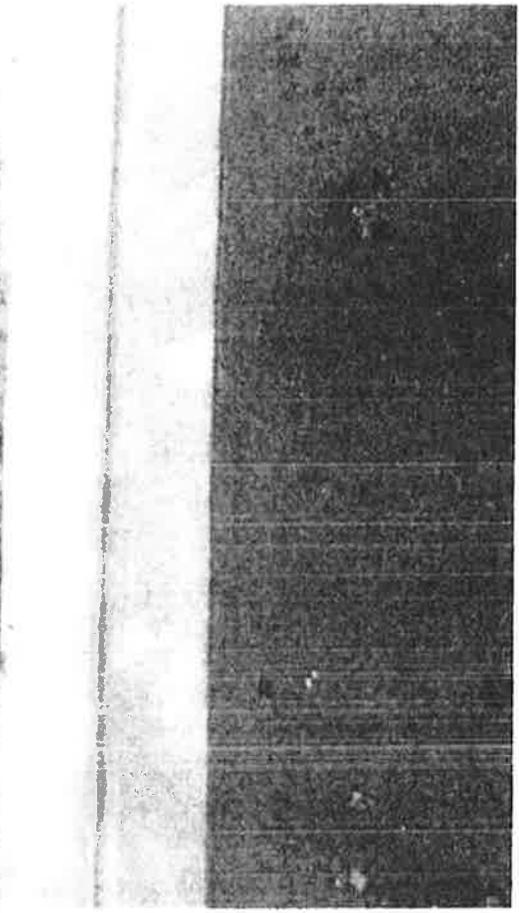
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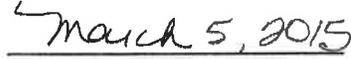
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 77 FAIR DRIVE
February 26, 2015
ACTION MINUTES

	Staff Recommendation	Action Minutes
3. Roll Call		Chair de Arakal: Present Vice Chair Pederson: Present Commissioner Harper: Absent Commissioner Eckles: Present Commissioner Graham: Present
5. Parks and Recreation Commission Reorganization		
a) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman		Chair: MOTION made by Commissioner Eckles to elect Commissioner Pederson as Chair, seconded by Chair de Arakal. Motion carried 4-0. Vice Chair: MOTION made by de Arakal to elect Eckles as Vice Chair, seconded by Pederson. Motion carried 4-0
6. Approval of the November 19, 2014 Special Meeting of the PRC.		Motion made by Commissioner Graham to approve minutes, seconded by Commissioner de Arakal. Motion carried 3-0 vote. Vice Chair Eckles abstained from voting.
8. Consent Calendar		
a) Instructional Class Proposals	Approve	MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal, seconded by Chair Pederson. Motion carried 4-0 to approve fees for three (3) new youth instructional proposals.
10. Old Business		
a) Tree Removal Request- 3126 Cork Lane	Deny	MOTION made by Commissioner de Arakal to approve removal of S2 tree and denied removal of S1 tree, seconded by Kim Pederson. Motion carries 4-0 vote to remove S2 tree and keep S1 tree.
11. New Business	Staff Recommendation	
a) Tree Removal Request – 216 Flower Street	Deny	MOTION made by Commissioner Graham to deny request of tree removal, seconded by Vice Chair Eckles. Motion carries 4-0 vote to deny removal of tree.

b) Tree Removal Request – 3050 Madison	Deny	MOTION made by Commission de Arakal to deny tree removal request with the condition that if the applicant provided a contemporary video inspection of the sewer lateral documenting damage to the sewer line, staff would have the discretion to remove the tree at no expense to the applicant Seconded by Chair Pederson. Motion carries 4-0 vote.
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Tammy Letourneau
Assistant Chief Executive Officer



Date

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

ATTACHMENT #4

Date Request Received: January 14, 2016
Name of Resident: Dorothy Bayliss Requesting Party: Same
Address: 216 Flower St Address: Same

Date Inspected: March 8, 2016
Inspected By: Jim Ortiz

Tree Species: Red Flowering Gum Removal Cost: (DBH x \$ 20.00)= \$ 940.00
Height: 55 Feet Width of Sidewalk: No Sidewalk
Trunk Diameter: 47 Inches Size of Right-of-Way: No Right of Way

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: 5/5/14

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments: Roots were pruned when new curb was installed.

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage:

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: 4/1/15

Root Pruning Comments: **Tree has already been root pruned.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: 3/08/16

Photo #1: **Street view looking east**

Photo #2: **Street view looking west-**

Photo #3: **Front of tree**

Photo #4: **Base of Tree**

Site Detail (33.639864336184,-117.91315863116)(WCA InventoryID: 2252712)					
District	Address	Location	Species	DBH	Height
26	216 FLOWER ST	Front-1	<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i> RED FLOWERING GUM	25-30	30-45
Condition	Maintenance	Removal Priority	Estimated Value	Parkway Type	Parkway Size
Good	Trim-Poorly Structured	N/A	\$9,830	Curb/Gutter	99
Utility	Valid				
No	Yes				
Work History					
Crew	Work Date	Work Type	Job #/Acct #	Amount	
WCA	4/1/2015	Root Prune/12" RB Installation	28318	\$210.00	
WCA	5/5/2014	Grid Prune - 15% thinning	25119	\$46.00	
WCA	12/17/2010	Grid Pruning	16780	\$46.60	
WCA	2/21/2008	Grid Pruning	11049	\$45.10	
WCA	4/5/2005	Service Request Pruning	7329	\$41.50	
WCA	3/2/2005	Grid Pruning	7329	\$41.50	
WCA	9/28/2001	Grid Trimming	4219	\$41.50	
Notes					

ATTACHMENT #5**Subject:**

Trimming request.

Detailed description:

Resident left a voicemail message requesting trimming of tree. She did NOT leave a contact number.

Req'd date:

2011-10-27

Req'd by:

Dorothy Davis

Location:

216 Flower Street

Phone:

Work Order Nr:

11101667

District:

26

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Ortiz, Jim

Call back needed:

N

Contacted date:

2011-10-27

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2011-11-04

Inspection date:

2011-11-04

Hours:

2 Minutes: 30

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

Owner of rental property, Dorothy Davis called on 10/28/11 & provided contact # 949-642-1794. 11/04/11 - Inspected tree and contacted resident and told her that we would be able to trim the resident's tree in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Carlos and Lotu thinned out the tree on 11-8-11. 08/29/2012 Spoke to resident at the request of Tom Banks. The request was to have the tree removed. F1 Eucalyptus ficifolia in good condition. Tree did not meet Cat 1 or 2 removal criteria. When resident was notified that we would not be taking out the tree, she requested to have the tree topped. She was informed that we do not top trees and the tree does not require trimming at this time. City staff thinned the tree canopy on 11/08/2011. Tree was also grid trimmed on 12/17/2010 and 2/21/2008. Next grid trim tentatively scheduled for 02/2013. A concession was made to evaluate the tree in the spring of 2013 to see if the tree meets removal criteria. Location added to Monitor Tree List. DD

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Subject:

Tree Roots Cut Inspection Required

Detailed description:

The tree roots were cut by the people who are fixing the street. Inspect tree for stability.

Req'd date:

2013-04-16 (Request entered by: Daniel Dominguez III)

Req'd by:

Dorothy Davis

Location:

216 Flower Street

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Work Order Nr:

13040614

District:

26

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Dominguez, Dan

Call back needed:

N

Contacted date:

2013-04-17

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2013-04-17

Inspection date:

2013-04-16

Hours:

0 Minutes: 30

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

4/16/2013 F1 Eucalyptus ficifolia in good condition. Tree lignotuber was notched by the curb and gutter contractor for form placement. Tree has an extensive root system and is stable. The canopy of the tree has been opened up in the past to lessen the sail effect from the wind. No indication that the tree would fail. Spoke to property owner and informed her of our findings. Faxed her removal criteria sheet. No action. DD. At the P&R Commission meeting held on 6/27/13 the request to remove one City owned parkway tree was denied. Correspondence mailed 7/22/13.

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Subject:

Large limb down. Requesting removal.

Detailed description:

Large limb down. Notified #252 for immediate response. Re-iterated her request for removal due to safety concerns. Removal request was formally heard and denied at P&R Commission meeting of June 27, 2013.

Req'd date:

2013-09-05 (Request entered by: MStueve)

Req'd by:

Dorothy Bayliss

Location:

216 Flower Street

Phone:

~~916 812 1781~~

Work Order Nr:

13091597

District:

26

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Cortez, George

Call back needed:

Y

Contacted date:

2013-09-05

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2013-09-17

Inspection date:

2013-09-05

Hours:

0 Minutes: 45

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

GC arrived 30 minutes after the call came in and he did not notice any limb down. GC 9/6/13 F1 Eucalyptus ficifolia 43"dsh x 35' in fair condition. Tree growing in open turf area with no automatic irrigation. No city sidewalk. Tree has an extensive root system. Tree roots were notch cut on the sidewalk side recently to allow for curb & gutter replacement. Tree has good structure. Old pruning cuts are healing well with good callus formation. Leaf size typical for species. Leaf color is slightly off, tree may be water stressed. Full canopy with epicormic growth in the middle. Tree canopy on the south side beginning to show stress. Location of the stress is in line with notching of the roots. Monitor tree. Tree does not meet Cat 1 or 2 removal criteria. Spoke to resident. Site to be reviewed by BH, DD, and EM on 9/10/13. PENDING 9/12/13 Assessed tree with BH, Director and it was determined the tree was to remain. Monitor tree. DD

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Subject:

Request to check safety of tree.

Detailed description:

Request from renter to check safety of tree. Bruce Hartley spoke with resident and discussed. Tree safe, no action.

Req'd date:

2013-09-17 (Request entered by: Mstueve)

Req'd by:

Adam Toff

Location:

216 Flower

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Work Order Nr:

13091674

District:

0

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Hartley, Bruce

Call back needed:

Y

Contacted date:

2013-09-17

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2013-09-17

Inspection date:

2013-09-17

Hours:

0 Minutes: 5

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

Bruce Hartley contacted resident and discussed. Tree safe, no action.

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Subject:

Evaluate tree after recent storm, as large limbs have fallen in the past.

Detailed description:

Evaluate tree after recent storm, as large limbs have fallen in the past.

Req'd date:

2014-03-03 (Request entered by: MStueve)

Req'd by:

Adam Popp

Location:

216 Flower Street

Phone:

~~949-440-1205~~

Work Order Nr:

14030300

District:

26

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Dominguez, Dan

Call back needed:

Y

Contacted date:

2014-03-06

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2014-03-06

Inspection date:

2014-03-05

Hours:

0 Minutes: 20

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

3/5/14 F1 Eucalyptus ficifolia 43"dsh x 35' in good condition. No observable signs of the tree responding to the recent root prune. No cracking of the soil around the tree or broken/dead branches. Contacted resident and informed him of our findings. No action at this time. DD

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Subject:

Tree is oozing substance that is killing grass at base of tree.

Detailed description:

Tree is oozing substance that is killing grass at base of tree. Concerned that the tree will injure someone if it falls over.

Req'd date:

2014-12-01 (Request entered by: MStueve)

Req'd by:

Dorothy Bayliss

Location:

216 Flower Street

Phone:

[REDACTED]

Work Order Nr:

14122049

District:

26

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Kokesh, Douglas

Call back needed:

Y

Contacted date:

2014-12-22

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2015-04-01

Inspection date:

2014-12-17

Hours:

1 Minutes: 45

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

Review of several past requests by Ms Bayliss: owns property, but does not live at 216 Flower. F-1 Eucalyptus ficifolia (43"dsh x 35'H) is good to fair condition and has good structure. Tree does not meet Cat. 1 or 2 removal criteria. Location is on the current Monitor Tree List. Ms. Bayliss has been attempting to have the tree approved for removal by the City for over 5 years. Tree has an extensive root system and is stable. The canopy of the tree has been opened up in the past to lessen the sail effect from the wind. Tree was last trimmed by WCA, Inc. on 5/5/14, further supporting the fact that the tree's canopy was observed to be "very open" during the site visits by the City Arborist from December 2014 - March 2015. No indication that the tree could potentially fail. At the PRC meeting held on 6/27/13 the request to remove this City owned parkway tree was denied. Tree growing in open turf area with no automatic irrigation. No city sidewalk. A few years ago, the tree's roots were notch cut on the sidewalk side to allow for curb & gutter replacement. Old pruning cuts are healing well with good callous formation. Leaf size typical for species. Leaf color is slightly off, tree may be water stressed. Full canopy with epicormic growth in the middle. Tree canopy on the south side of the tree is showing relatively minimal stress. Location of the stress is in line with notching of the roots. Continue to monitor tree. Ms. Bayliss returned to PRC on February 26, 2015, citing that the tree is oozing sap, killing the grass surrounding the base of the tree and is uplifting her private walkway and driveway. The sapping is a response to the tree healing itself from the notch cuts made to repair the curb and gutter. Again, the root system of this tree is extensive and the likelihood of blow-over failure is extremely unlikely due to the amount of openness there is in the canopy. The sheer wood mass of the tree relative to the amount of canopy does not support possible "blow over scenarios" either. PRC again denied request since nothing has really changed with regard to the tree's stability and health. BH did agree to have WCA, Inc. install root barrier along the run of the walkway and driveway once the concrete was broken out by the contractor hired by Ms. Bayliss. WCA, Inc. completed this service on 4/1/15. No further action. DK Tree removal request formally heard at PRC meeting of 2/26/15, and was denied. MS

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Subject:

Resident Would Like Tree Evaluated

Detailed description:

Resident is requesting that the tree be evaluated.

Req'd date:

2015-10-27 (Request entered by: Jim Ortiz)

Req'd by:

Dorothy Bayliss

Location:

216 Flower St.

Phone:

Work Order Nr:

15101659

District:

26

Supervisor:

City Arborist

Employee:

Ortiz, Jim

Call back needed:

N

Contacted date:

2015-10-16

OSHA safety concern:

N

Status:

Closed

Completion date:

2015-10-19

Inspection date:

2015-10-19

Hours:

0 Minutes: 45

Material cost:

0.00

Action taken:

10/27/15 - Inspected 55' tall red flowering gum tree with a DSH of 55". I noticed kino coming on all 4 sides of the tree. Besides the kino. The tree appeared to be healthy when I inspected the tree. The tree was last trimmed on 5/5/14. Root pruning with 12" root barrier panels were installed on 4/1/15 - JO

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