



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 25, 2016

ITEM NUMBER: **9a**

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST - 3081 KLONDIKE AVENUE

DATE: AUGUST 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 three (3) City-owned trees growing in the public right-of-way and in the landscape set-back on the Yukon Avenue side of 3081 Klondike Avenue.

BACKGROUND

The Maintenance Services Division was initially contacted by the property owner (Applicant) of 3081 Klondike on October 30, 2012, requesting removal of several City-owned trees growing in the parkway and landscape set-back adjacent to their property. At the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of January 23, 2014, the Commission considered the request to remove a total of eight (8) trees. The Commission approved the removal of three (3) trees (S-2, S-3, S-4) and denied the removal of one (1) tree (S-1), growing in the landscape setback adjacent to 3018 Klondike Avenue. The Commission denied the removal of all four (4) trees (F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4), growing in the public right-of-way (parkway) at that time. Subsequently, the Applicant provided the required funding to the City and the three (3) trees were removed and mitigation trees planted elsewhere on City property.

On February 19, 2015, crews from the Maintenance Services Division, working in conjunction with the City's tree maintenance contractor, removed the sidewalk adjacent to tree F-3, performed root pruning; installed an eighteen inch (18") root barrier and replaced the sidewalk. The affected curb and gutter was replaced shortly after as part of the City's Parkway Maintenance Program. The sidewalk was not replaced.

On March 10, 2015, the Applicant submitted another request to remove two of the four parkway trees (F-3 and F-4) adjacent to the property. At the regular meeting of April 23, 2015, the Commission denied the request.

The Maintenance Services Division was contacted by the Applicant via e-mail on July 26, 2016, again requesting the removal of the same two parkway trees (F-3 and F-4) and the remaining slope tree (S-1) growing in the landscape set-back adjacent to the property, stating that the trees are causing unreasonable impacts to their property due to the extensive roots and litter from the trees, especially the tree that is growing closest to her pool. See Attachment 1.

On August 4, 2016, the City Arborist inspected the trees and evaluated the reported problems associated with the trees. No evaluation of the conditions within the private property was conducted.

ANALYSIS

The Applicant has requested two (2) trees to be removed from the parkway and one (1) tree removed from the landscape set-back slope. The two parkway trees are F-3 and F-4. The slope tree, which will be the last tree on the slope on the side of the Applicant's home, is tree S-1.

Tree Information (See Attachment 2):

Tree F-3 is a Canary Island Pine, *Pinus canariensis*, that is approximately sixty feet (60') in height with a trunk diameter of twenty-one and one-half inches (21.5"). It is the third tree west of Klondike Avenue in the parkway along Yukon Avenue. This tree is in good condition, with no observable defects or disease present. The tree was last trimmed on April 25, 2014. The roots have caused minor cracks in the sidewalk adjacent to the tree. This tree has been root pruned with barriers installed as noted previously. The Arborist observed minor cracks in the stucco/coating on the Applicant's wall, but was unable to correlate the cracks to tree roots.

Tree F-4 is a Canary Island Pine, *Pinus canariensis*, that is approximately, thirty feet (30') in height with a trunk diameter of nine and one-half inches (9.5"). It is the fourth tree west of Klondike Avenue in the parkway along Yukon Avenue. This tree is in good condition, with no observable defects or disease present. The tree was last trimmed on April 25, 2014. The roots have caused minor cracking in the sidewalk adjacent to the tree. Minor cracks were also visible on the Applicant's block wall in that area.

Tree S-1 is a Canary Island Pine, *Pinus canariensis*, that is approximately, fifty feet (50') in height with a trunk diameter of twenty and one-half inches (20.5"). This tree is in good condition, with no observable defects or disease present. It is the only tree on the slope adjacent to the Applicant's property. The tree was last trimmed on April 25, 2014. It appears the roots of this tree are beginning to cause a minor separation on the block wall located behind the tree. Due to the size of the tree, high cost and potential for damage to the footing of the private property wall and/or footing, relocation is not recommended.

The parkway trees are not a risk to health and safety, are not dead, diseased or dying and do not appear to be creating any significant exposure to liability for the City. However, the newly observed cracking in the wall adjacent to tree S-1, may indicate a future potential liability should the roots of this tree damage the wall or the footing.

The parkway trees do not meet the criteria for a staff level authorization for removal, as stated in the Streetscape and Median Development Standards. The slope tree may meet the requirements, but there is some uncertainty. Staff are requesting that a determination be made by the Parks and Recreation Commission on all three trees.

The Applicant has been notified of the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and has been sent a copy of the Agenda and staff report. One hundred and thirty-two (132) notices were sent to the homes included in all the streets accessed by Yukon Avenue. See Attachment 4.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

1. The Commission could authorize the removal of any or all of the trees as Category 1 – ‘Health and Safety’ removals with all removal and replacement costs paid for by the City and determination made as to whether or not replacement trees are to be planted.
2. The Commission could authorize the removal and replacement of any or all of the trees as Category 2 – ‘Accelerated Removals’, which would require the replacement of the tree(s) with one (1) twenty-four inch box-size tree and two (2) fifteen gallon-size trees to be planted on site or elsewhere on City property, for each tree removed. The Applicant would pay all removal and replacement costs.

If the tree removals are approved by the Commission, the payment for the removal of the trees 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 trees was denied, or approved as a Category 2 - Accelerated Removal, as the Applicant would pay all costs.

For the Commission’s information, removal cost for these trees would be as follows:

S-1: \$418.20

F-3: \$438.60

F-4: \$145.35

Total for all three: \$1,002.15

The replanting costs for the mitigation trees (1 – 24” box size and 2 – 15 gallon container size) would be \$425 per tree removed. Costs are based on current City contract prices.

The total cost for removal and mitigation/replacement of all three trees would be \$2,277.15

If approved as a Category 1 – Health and Safety Removal, the cost to the City for the removals would be \$1,002.15; with a cost of \$675 for the installation of three 24” box-size replacement trees. Total cost would be \$1,677.15.

The value of the three (3) trees is estimated to be approximately \$16,070.

LEGAL REVIEW

No legal review is required for this item.

CONCLUSION

The City-owned trees that have been requested to be removed are located in the public right-of-way and landscape set-back adjacent to 3081 Klondike Ave. The trees are in good condition, have been maintained appropriately on a regular schedule and do not

appear to be causing any new damage to the sidewalk. However, the slope tree may be in the early stages of causing damage to the private property block wall of the Applicant. It is recommended that the Commission deny the request to remove all three of the trees.



BRUCE A. HARTLEY
Maintenance Services Manager



for JIM ROSS
Interim Public Services Director

- ATTACHMENTS:
1. E-Mail From Resident
 2. Tree Information
 3. Photographs
 4. Resident Notice of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

C: Gabriella Oseguera
3081 Klondike Avenue
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

HARTLEY, BRUCE

From: Gabriella Oseguera [mailto:oseguera013@costamesa.com] >
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 11:30 AM
To: HARTLEY, BRUCE
Subject: Tree removal request

Hi Bruce-

I hope you are doing well. I would like to request removal of 3 trees on Yukon under section 4.0 Category 2, Accelerated Removals and Category 3, Discretionary Removals.

Tree 1 is causing unreasonable impact on my property due to extensive roots and litter from the tree. (I will provide photos prior to meeting on August 25th).

This tree does not meet the City of Costa Mesa's Approved City Standard Design Details page 111.

Tree 2 is causing unreasonable impact on my property due to litter from the tree and roots that have not been properly maintain by the city. Due to enormous size of the tree the roots have been a problem in the past, but the city on masked the problem by adding a 12 inch root barrier. (I will provide photos prior to meeting on August 25th).

This tree does not meet the City of Costa Mesa's Approved City Standad Design Details pages111.

Tree 3 is and will cause unreasonable impact on my property due to the litter from the tree and continuing root growing into my property which is adjacent to my pool. (I will provide photos prior to meeting on August 25th).

The tree does not meet the City of Costa Mesa's Approved City Standard Design Details page 111.

If you have any questions or need anything from me, please email or call me.

Thank you so much for all your help 😊

Sincerely-

Gabriella Oseguera, MBA

714-300-4224

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

ATTACHMENT #2

Date Request Received: July 26, 2016
Name of Resident: Gabriella Oseguera Requesting Party: Same
Address: 3081 Klondike Avenue Address: Same

Date Inspected: August 4, 2016
Inspected By: Jim Ortiz

Tree Species: Canary Island Pine (F-3) Removal Cost: (DBH x \$ 20.40)= \$ 438.60
Height: 60 Feet Width of Sidewalk: 5 Feet
Trunk Diameter: 21.5" Inches Size of Right-of-Way: 10 Feet

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: April 25, 2014

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments:

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage: **Sidewalk has slight cracks in two (2) location. (less than 1/32"). Blockwall has several small fissures (less than 1/32").**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: N/A

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning can be installed on the sidewalk side.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: August 9, 2016

Photo #1: **Tree Looking East**

Photo #2: **Tree Looking West**

Photo #3: **Front of Tree**

Photo #4: **Base of Tree**

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Tree Species: **Canary Island Pine (F-4)** Removal Cost: (DBH x \$ 15.30)= \$ **145.35**
Height: **30 Feet** Width of Sidewalk: **5 Feet**
Trunk Diameter: **9.5" Inches** Size of Right-of-Way: **10 Feet**

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: **April 25, 2014**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments:

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage: **Sidewalk has slight crack in two (2) locations (less than 1/32"). Blockwall has one (1) minor crack (less than 1/32").**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: **N/A**

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning/18" RB panels can be installed on the sidewalk side.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: **August 9, 2016**

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Tree Species: **Canary Island Pine (S-1)** Removal Cost: (DBH x \$ 20.40)= \$ **418.20**
Height: **50 Feet** Width of Sidewalk: **5 Feet**
Trunk Diameter: **20.5" Inches** Size of Right-of-Way: **10 Feet**

Health: Good Fair Poor Date of Last Pruning: **April 25, 2014**

Is the Tree a good candidate for Relocation? Yes No

Likelihood of survival: Good Fair Poor

Comments:

Concrete Damage: Yes No

If Yes, describe damage: **Blockwall has slight separation (less than 1/16").**

Can the Tree be Root Pruned: Yes No Date: **N/A**

Root Pruning Comments: **Root pruning can be installed on the block wall side.**

Date of Response to Resident: _____

Date Information Packet Mailed: _____

Photos Taken: Yes No Date Photos Taken: **August 4, 2016**

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Photo #3: **Front of Tree**

Photo #4: **Base of Tree**

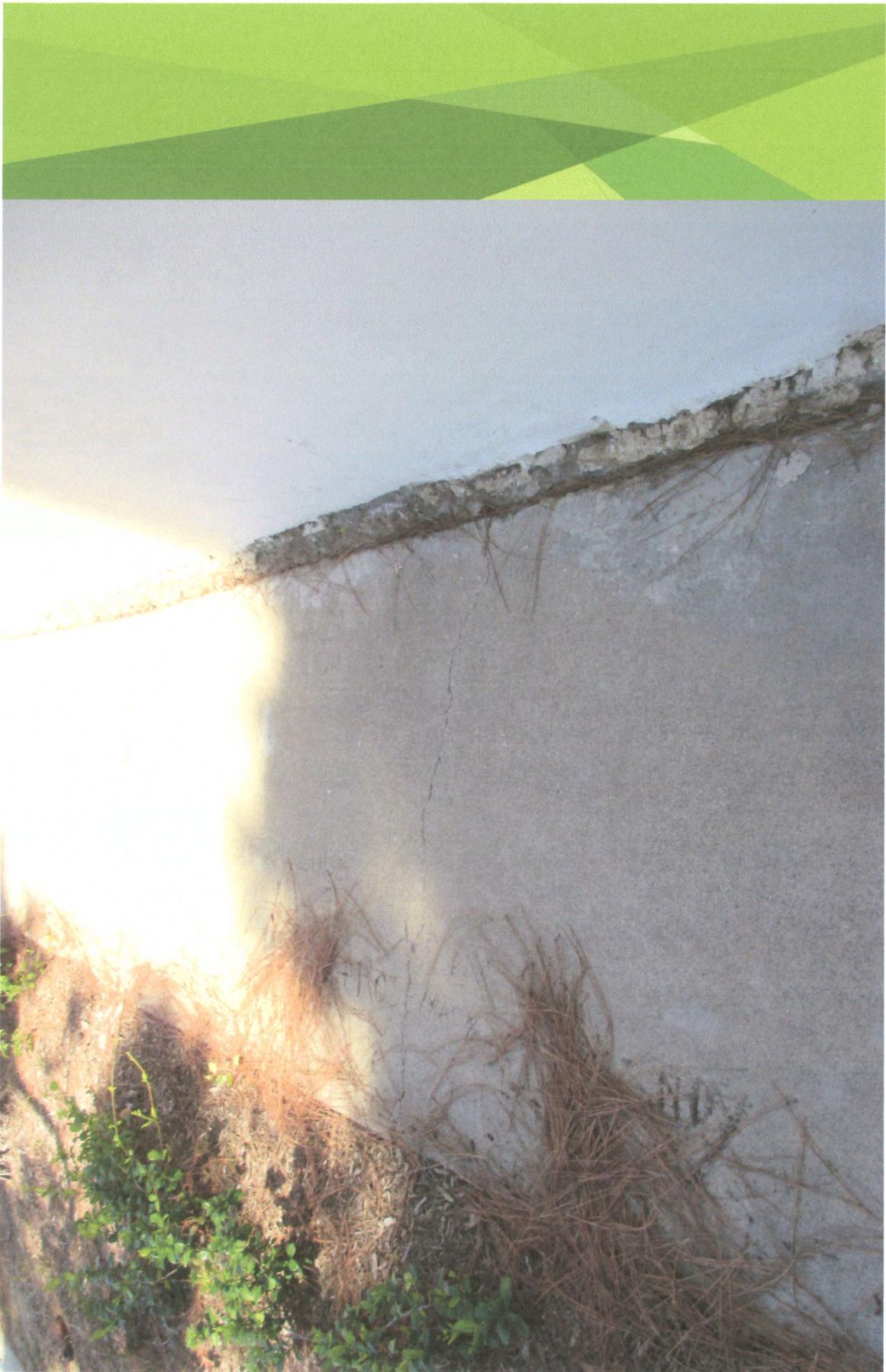


Tree F-3

Base of Tree F-3







Tree F-4



Base of Tree F-4





Tree S-1





**Base of
Tree S-1**



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FROM THE OFFICE OF MAINTENANCE SERVICES

August 24, 2016

Notice of Public Meeting - Yukon Avenue Tree Removal

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this letter to inform you of one formal requests received from a property owner in the Yukon Avenue corridor requesting the removal of three (3) City-owned parkway trees located on the north side of Yukon Avenue immediately west of Klondike Avenue.

The request has been agendized for the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 77 Fair Drive. The agenda report relating to this request can be found on the City's website at www.costamesaca.gov approximately one week prior to the meeting. The City Council has empowered the Parks and Recreation Commission to make determinations on requests for the removal of City-owned trees.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at (714) 754-5164. Should you wish to provide written comments for the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding this topic, you may do so by mailing them to "Parks & Recreation Commission, City of Costa Mesa, P.O. Box 1200, Costa Mesa, CA 92628 or by electronic mail to ParksCommission@costamesaca.gov. All comments become public record and will be provided to the Commission prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Hartley

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Maintenance Services Manager