

Urban Forest Management Plan Summary of Comments and Actions

Single Family Design Board, December 16, 2013

The Single Family Design Board (SFDB) approved recommending the Plan to Council for adoption. The SFDB also recommended that plan implementation be coordinated with other ordinance updates, such as the hedge ordinance, and that street tree species selection consider neighborhood character and compatibility, canopy and the surrounding architecture.

SFDB members identified the following areas of interest for implementation:

- Landscaping along 101, in parkways and medians that reflects the area/neighborhood
- Efforts to increase homeowner knowledge of parkway and street tree standards
- Reference to parkway maintenance standards in Zoning Ordinance
- Consideration of area around trees in historic designation criteria
- Coordination with the County and School District
- Use of mulch in parkway maintenance standards to reduce water needs
- Neighborhood outreach through the recruitment of Block Captains
- Public workshops

Historic Landmarks Commission, December 18, 2013

The Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) requested a second review and provided the following comments related to the proposed Plan:

- Provide an objective dedicated to addressing historic/specimen tree actions
- Make the plan more concise

HLC members identified the following areas of interest for implementation:

- Revisions to Historic/Specimen definition
- Enforcement related to illegal pruning/removal, construction techniques
- Solar system design that balances tree canopy objectives.
 - Clear direction for boards and commissions
- Porous pavement in parkways
- Tree maintenance needs, including adequate water
- Coordination with the Pedestrian Master Plan and hedge ordinance updates
 - Address whether tree clusters are a hedge
- Education of board members and staff

Architectural Board of Review, January 6, 2014

The Architectural Board of Review (ABR) recommended that the plan be forwarded to Council for adoption.

ABR members identified the following areas of interest for implementation:

- Tools for design/development review, including:
 - Replacement ratios for trees that are approved for removal
 - Tree protection plans
 - Bird protection measures, with a focus on bird nesting season
- Recommended tree species for parking lots
- Appropriate public locations for edible fruit trees
- Maintain the balance of tree diversity with both native and non-native species
- Balance street objectives with tree objectives
- Tools to address tree needs during drought
- Preferred tree species list