



City of Santa Barbara
FORESTRY DIVISION

ATTACHMENT

**STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE
FOR ADOPTION**

January 2014
Postponed from
October 2013

Date: 9/26/13

Location: 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. (Westside)

Present Species Designation: *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear (1996)

Proposed Change to: Add an additional species designation.

Existing Species Profile: Various trees

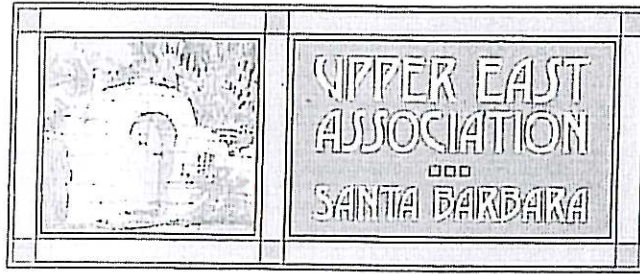
Reasons for Recommended Change: See attached letter.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS DEPARTMENT

August 19, 2013

City of Santa Barbara
Forestry Division
Street Tree Advisory Committee (STAC)
Attn. Mr. Tim Downey

Subject: Urban Forest Master Plan; Street Tree Master Plan Comments with Recommended Species Designation Changes

Dear Mr. Downey,

As part of Upper East Association (UEA) activities, we hosted a 'walkabout' on July 17th. This walk was well-attended (47 people). I am passing on the following recommendations that were compiled by the Upper East Association under guidance of Upper East member and landscape architect Grant Castleberg who led the walk from Padre Street to Constance Avenue and along Garden Street to Los Olivos Street.

Therefore, we request STAC's consideration of the following changes or modifications of the approved street tree species designated by the City for the following areas:

2100 block of Santa Barbara Street request change to *Arecastrum romanzoffianum*.

Rationale for Change. The street tree designated in the 1977 Master Plan for the 2100 block of Santa Barbara Street where the Church of Latter Day Saints is located is *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, commonly known as King Palm. However, *Arecastrum romanzoffianum*, commonly known as Queen Palm, actually exist.

2200 block of Santa Barbara Street request addition of oak tree species.

Rationale for Change. Several oaks (cork, white, holly & quercus) exist in the 2200 block therefore we request that oak trees be added to the approved street tree list.

2300-2400 blocks of Santa Barbara Street request deletion of *Chorisa speciosa*.

Rationale for Change. Santa Barbara Street is continuous to Constance Avenue in this area, with a short spur to 200 block of East Junipero Street. There is a mix of approved street trees, *Chorisa speciosa*, Red Flowering Gum, and Camphor Tree. Junipero Street is listed for *Melaleuca genistifolia*.

Chorisa speciosa is known for its spiked bark which neighbors find unsightly and unsafe. The tree only loses its thorns upon maturity or in approximately 100 years. At maturity, the tree has a large circumference and its roots break up adjacent sidewalks. One of these street trees is dying at 2525 Santa Barbara Street.

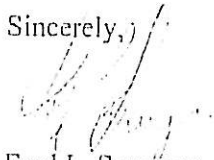
Residents of 200 block of East Junipero between Santa Barbara & Garden Street request clarification that there is no approved street tree in that block, since there are no sidewalk or medians. If that is not possible, they request that the street tree be olive since that is what primarily exists in the area.

2200-2400 blocks of Garden Street (west side) request removal of existing Kaffir Plums.

Rationale for Change. Kaffir plums are not on the City's approved tree list. They drop their fruits on the sidewalk making it slippery and creating a hazard to pedestrians. We request that the existing Kaffir Plum trees be removed over time and replaced with Evergreen Pear, the approved street tree.

Please include our comments in the updated Urban Forest Master Plan. Grant Castleberg is available to present these comments at any upcoming STAC meeting, if that would be the most expedient way to change the species designation.

Sincerely,



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