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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City of Santa Barbara
FORESTRY DIVISION
STREET TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

ATTACHMENT

February 2014

Date: 1/6/14

Requested by: Stephanie Welch

Address: 1102 Luneta Plaza, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Location of Tree: 1102 Luneta Plaza, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: (2) *Jacaranda mimosifolia* **Common Name**: Jacaranda

Requested Reason for Removal: Trees have never thrived. The larger tree's roots have blocked the sewer line twice in 6 years, which allegedly caused the sewage spill at Leadbetter in December 2012.

Current designated Street Tree: Eucalyptus erythrocorys and *Eucalyptus torquata.*

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

Staff Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

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STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

Mailing Address:
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
(805) 564-5433 FAX (805) 897-2524

Office Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Application Fee: $50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	Jan 2, 2014
APPLICANT:	Stephanie Welch
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: ***(IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)***	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1102 Luneta Plaza, Santa Barbara CA 93109 swelch4cats@yahoo.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-963-3805
TREE LOCATION (*ADDRESS*):	1102 Luneta Plaza, Santa Barbara, CA 93109
TREE SPECIES (*IF KNOWN*):	Jacaranda
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	These 2 trees have never thrived; the larger tree's roots have blocked the sewer line twice in 6 yrs, which allegedly caused the 6600 gal sewage spill at Leadbetter in Dec 12

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
   a. The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
   b. Status of development application, including whether the project is scheduled for review by the Single Family Design Board, Architectural Board of Review or Historic Landmarks Commission
   c. The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
2. Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
3. Development plan/Landscape plan

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Parks and Recreation Dept

Stephanie Welch
1102 Luneta Plz
Santa Barbara CA 93109

Re: street tree removal

Jan 2, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like permission to remove two Jacaranda trees fronting on Luneta Plaza. These are not nice trees; they are spindly and have never thrived. The larger tree has been a special problem; its roots have blocked the sewer main twice in six years, costing me over $15,000.00 in repairs and allegedly causing the 6600 gallon sewage spill on Leadbetter Beach in December 2012.

I plan to replace the trees and grass with dwarf palms that won't grow tall enough to interfere with the electric lines and planted away from the sewer line, and gravel that won't use water. See enclosed photos. This will look much better and save me and the City money.

This request is not associated with any development or redevelopment and these are not Historic or Specimen trees.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephanie Welch

REPLACE WITH SIMILAR TO THIS

REMOVE THIS

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ATTACHMENT

February 2014

FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Date: 1/24/14

Requested by: Robert Hambleton

Address: 30 E. Quinto St., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Location of Tree: 30 E. Quinto St.

Tree Species: *Platanus acerifolia* ***Common Name:*** London Plane Tree

Zoning/Setback: E – 1 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: Wrapping around sewer line, too big for space and neighbors worried it might fall.

Proposed Replacement: *Yes* ☒ TBD *No* ☐

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

Staff Recommendation: *Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

Date Posted:

Comments:

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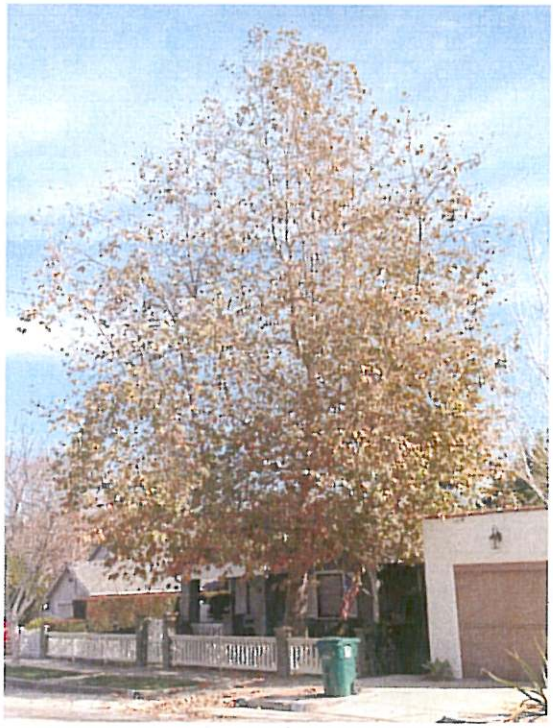

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DATE OF REQUEST:	~~9/23/13~~ 1/24/14
APPLICANT:	Robert Hambleton
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	Rhambleton@rad.usgroup.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-455-4003
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	30 E. Quinto St., Santa Barbara
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Sycamore
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	wrapping around sewer line; too big for space; neighbors worried it might fall
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED: Yes [X] With: I look to you for reccommendation	No [ ]

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- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan

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Jan. 24, 2014
~~September 9, 2013~~

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Parks and Recreation Department

402 E. Ortega St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Removal of sycamore tree at 30 E. Quinto St., Santa Barbara

To Whom It May Concern,

Unfortunately, we are requesting to remove a large sycamore tree in front of our house for a number of reasons. 1) the tree has wrapped its roots around the sewer line 2) we replaced our gas line as the roots pulled this apart 3) the tree has simply grown to be too large for the space that once fit it so well 4) our neighbors say it creaks and sways in the breeze and they are quite worried that it may fall on their house and young children.

I have attached a photo of the tree and a photo of the roots when our gas line was pulled apart. We fully intend to plant another tree in its place and are open to your recommendations on what will be most suitable for the space.

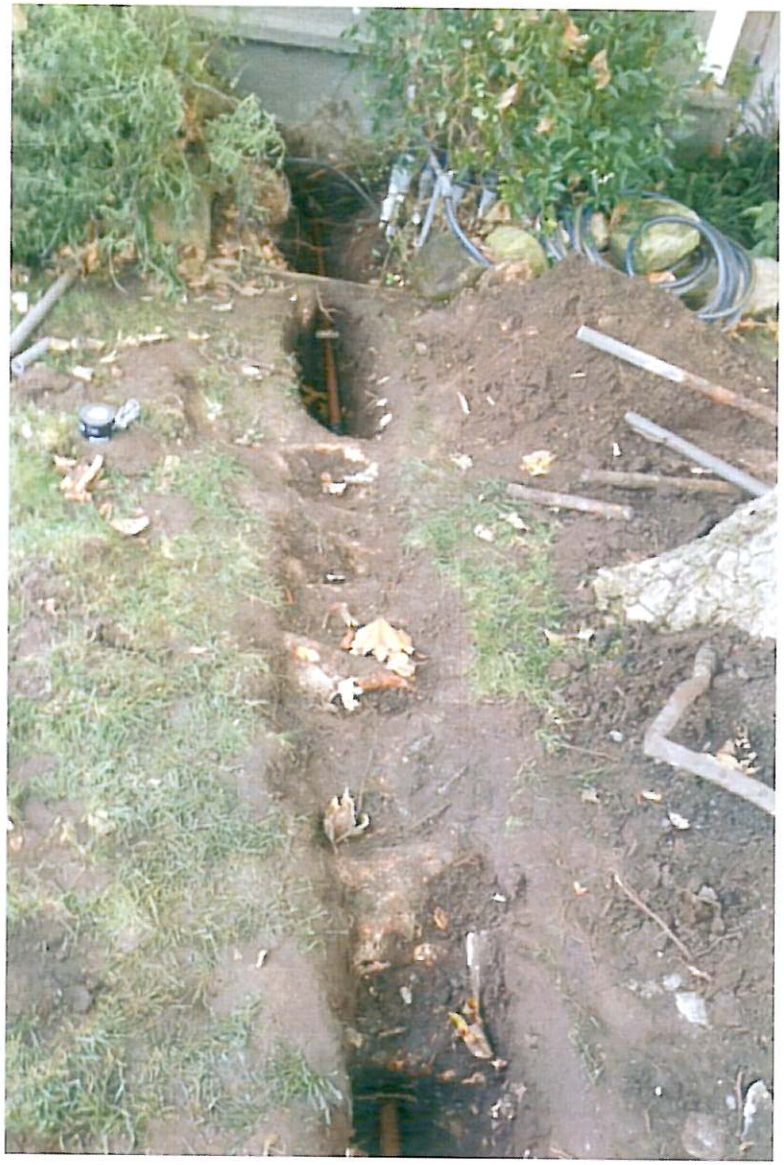
I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Rob Hambleton

30 E. Quinto St.

Santa Barbara, CA



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February 2014

FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Date: 1/17/14

Requested by: Gary Semerdjian

Address: 5610 Hollister Ave., Goleta, CA 93117

Location of Tree: 109 Oceano Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: (2) *Eucalyptus spp.* ***Common Name:*** Eucalyptus

Zoning/Setback: R – 2/SD-3 15' Setback

Reason for Removal: Extensive damage to cars during winds and uncomfortable with the trees remaining.

Proposed Replacement: *Yes* ☒ *(possibly)* *No* ☐

Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

Staff Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* ☐ *Deny Removal:* ☐

Date Posted:

Comments:

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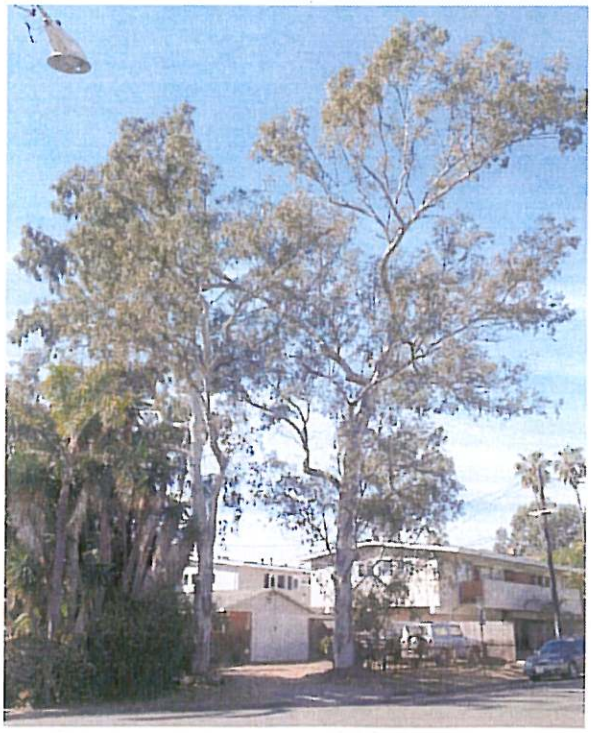

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Application Fee: $50 (effective July 1, 2010)

DATE OF REQUEST:	January 16, 2014
APPLICANT:	Gary Semerdjian
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	Avo & Arda Semerdjian
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	5610 Hollister Ave garysemerdjian @ Goleta, CA 93117 gmail.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	(805) 452-5881
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	109 Oceano Ave, Santa Barbara 93109
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Eucalyptus (Quanity 2)
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	See attached letter
TREE(S) WILL BE REPLACED: Yes [ ] With: possibly - see attached letter	No [ ]

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January 16, 2014

City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
PO Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

Re: Application for tree removal at 109 Oceano Avenue

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for taking the time to review our application to remove (2) eucalyptus trees located at 109 Oceano Avenue on the Mesa.

These trees have been giving us problems for quite a long time but the event that caused us great concern was the evening of January 9th and early morning hours of January 10th. During this wind event, a giant branch broke off and landed on two of our tenants' vehicles that were parked in the driveway of the home. See the attached photos. This branch caused extensive damage to the cars. The size of this branch was literally the size and thickness of a small to medium sized tree.

From the year 2002 until approximately 2004, I personally lived at this home. These trees were a constant problem for me. During a couple different rainstorms, the trees were heavy with rain and many times small branches fell. I always feared that a branch would fall on the roof of the house as these trees are very close to the home. My bedroom was the closest in proximity to the trees so it was always in the back of my mind that something disastrous could happen. Additionally, these trees have tons of leaves and sap that make the public asphalt sticky and cluttered with leaves. Furthermore, there have been numerous occasions where there were so many leaves covering the concrete curb cut in our driveway that people did not know there was a driveway there and I was blocked in because people would park there.

Our current tenants are still shaken by the event and are uncomfortable with the trees remaining. They have a very young baby so I can only imagine their thoughts that what if she was standing outside when this happened. Their email with their concerns is attached for your review.

I have been in touch with tree trimming services and they agree that these trees should be removed. The larger of the two trees is now leaning in one direction as shown in the enclosed photos & has weakened because a major branch broke off. Our fear is that this will eventually topple over and could land in the adjacent power lines or even on the apartment building that is located directly across the street. Not to forget numerous cars on the street and also people. Even if we were to trim this tree, the tree trimming services and I both agree that we would be

potentially disturbing the tree's equilibrium and there is no way to fix the fact that the tree is curved & leaning. Both trees are simply too tall to consider trimming or pruning. The only way to make these trees less hazardous would be to substantially decrease their height but like I said, this will disrupt the trees' stability.

As you know eucalyptus trees are non-native so we would not be disturbing a tree that is of historic or landmark value. Furthermore, these two trees are the only eucalyptus trees on the entire street so it seems like they have always been out of place. The rest of the street features trees that are low profile in nature including palm, yucca, and pine amongst others. Therefore, I feel that these existing eucalyptus trees aren't providing overwhelming value to the neighborhood.

With the above point being made, I do recognize however that killing a tree isn't always in the best interest of the neighborhood but I believe that the benefits of their removal will highly outweigh that of the potential risk and the common nuisances that these trees have provided. These trees are exceptionally tall and their removal would result in increased ocean views for the entire street because as you drive down the street, you see these giant trees in the sky. That being said, my family and I are considering planting queen palm trees in their place which would match the neighborhood's aesthetics better and will not grow out of control with numerous branches in every direction that would result in serious hazards. The condominium complex next door at 101 Oceano Ave & several other nearby neighbors have palm trees planted so one thought we had was to try to have our property blend into the neighborhood better. This is just one thought we had. Other ideas we've brainstormed include putting in flowers or other small bushes or widening the driveway. If you take a look at the photo that shows the driveway, these two trees narrow the opening and make it extremely difficult for a wide body car to maneuver inside the driveway.

I have spoken to Mr. Tim Downey in regards to these trees. He had them inspected and stated that there was not any imminent threat that they would be a hazard. For the above evidence I presented including the fact that one of the trees are leaning, I respectfully disagree with Mr. Downey.

If there is any positive side to this story, it is that nobody was standing below this branch when it fell. If they were, it is without a doubt that they would have been killed.

I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration to this application and ask that you please recognize that the reasons for removal greatly outweigh the benefits these trees provide the neighborhood.

Regards,

Gary Semerdjian

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Gary Semerjian <garysemerjian@gmail.com>

Tree removal

2 messages

MiguelAngel Franco <miguelsurfing@yahoo.com> Wed, Jan 15, 2014 at 10:10 PM
To: "garysemerjian@gmail.com" <garysemerjian@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words.

I had just arrived from work and not more than a few minutes had past before this tree had catastrophic failure. It's shocking to think that I might have not been able to write this e-mail if I would have arrived a few minutes late from work. These trees are the biggest things on this street. There is nothing that can help brake down the wind speed before it gets to these trees; thus, these trees act like a wind sail and capture all the wind that comes down or up the street. These trees need to come down because they do pose a threat to my family and the public. I leave you with one more picture.

Where the limb is you can see that there over the street and there next to some high voltage power lines. Please let these nonnative trees be removed before someone gets hurt.

MiguelAngel Franco

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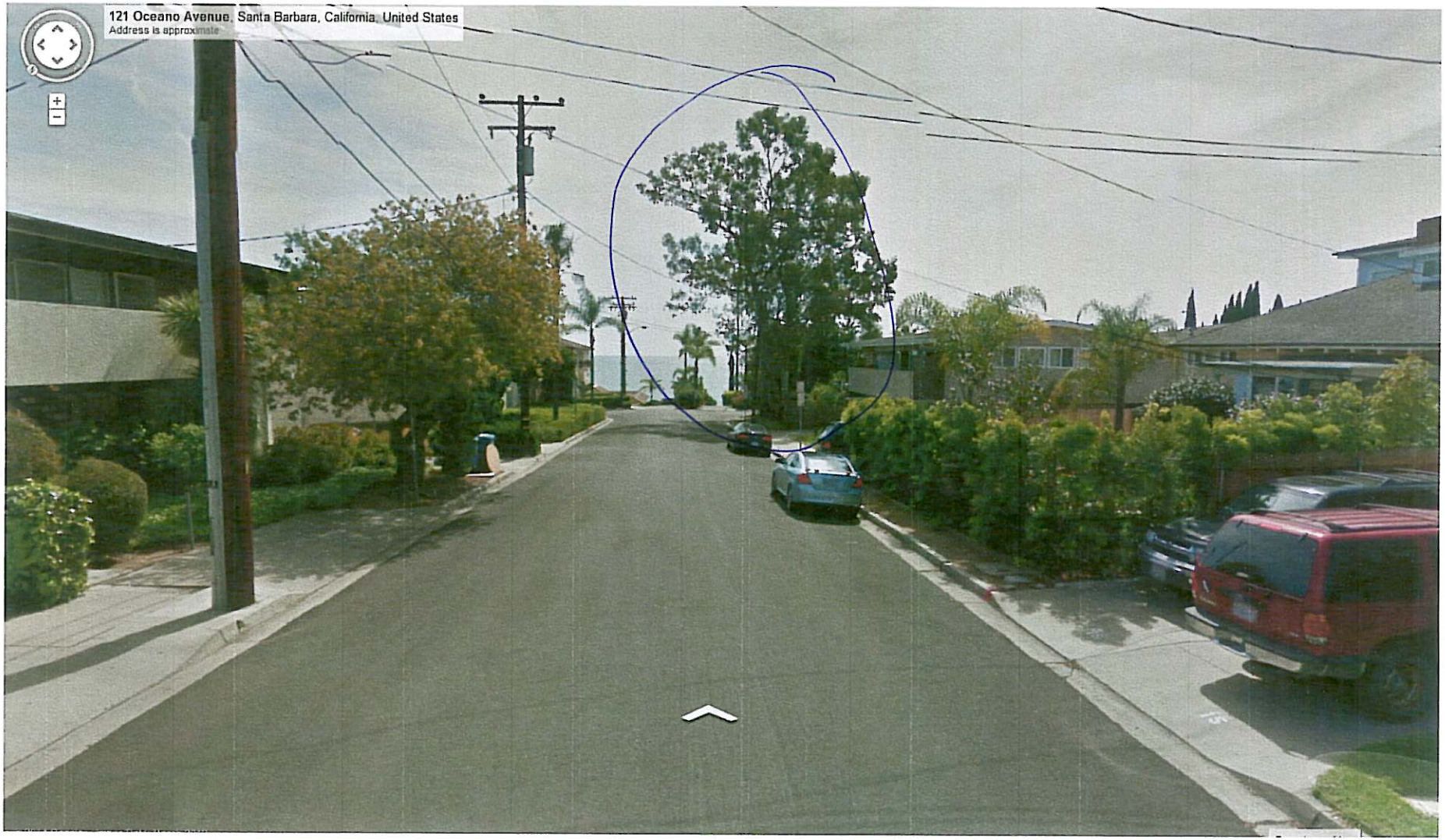
121 Oceano Avenue, Santa Barbara, California, United States
Address is approximate

this is the smaller of the two trees

tree is leaning
This is the taller of the
two trees

Address is approximate
smaller of the two
very narrow driveway
larger of the two trees

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February 2014
Postponed from
January 2014

STREET TREE MASTER PLAN SPECIES DESIGNATION CHANGE FOR ADOPTION

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
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Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:

Herrera, Patricia

From: Downey, Timothy E..
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 4:12 PM
To: 'Duke McPherson'; 'Desmond O'Neill'; 'bc@arcadiastudio.com'; maury treman; 'Grant Castleberg'
Cc: Herrera, Patricia
Subject: Garden St Species

Hi All,

Sorry for my delay in sending you this list. Thank you Bob for reminding me. Below is a list of species mentioned by the members at the January meeting for consideration in the 2200 – 2400 blocks of Garden Street. If you would like additional trees considered feel free to email them to me by Monday February 3, 2014 or save them for the meeting. Please do not hit reply all as this would be a Brown Act meeting violation.

Senna spectabilis
Parkinsonia (aculeata)
Tababuia impetiginosa (ipe)
Chionanthus retusus
Stenocarpus (sinuatus)
Metrosideros (excelsa)
Hymenosporum flavum
Pittosporum rhombifolium
Alectryon excelsus

Thank You,

Tim Downey
Urban Forest Superintendent
805-564-5592

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.
- *Warren Buffett*

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.

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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,

Fred L. Sweeney
President, Upper East Association Board

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