

**May 2016**

*Date:* 4/25/16

*Requested by:* Michael Broz

*Address:* [MikeBroz@cox.net](mailto:MikeBroz@cox.net)

*Location of Tree:* 2023 Edgewater Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

**Tree Species:** *Ficus benjamina*

**Common Name:** Weeping Fig

*Requested Reason for Removal:* Crowding.

*Current designated Street Tree:* *Corymbia (Eucalyptus) citriodora*, Lemon-Scented Gum (1977 Master Plan)

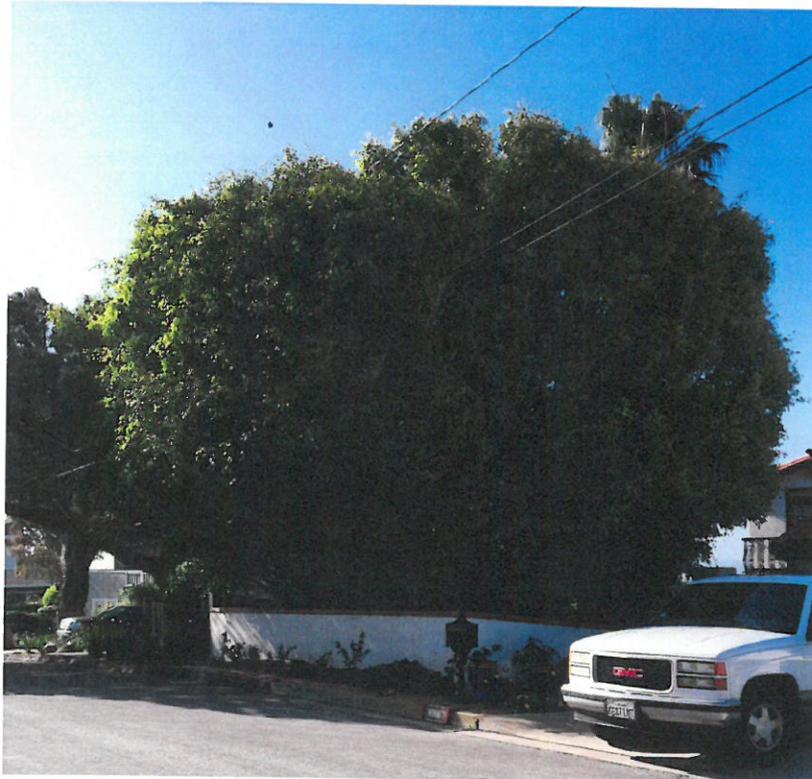
*Advisory Committee Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Staff Recommendation:* Approve Removal:  Deny Removal:

*Date Posted:*

*Comments:*

**PHOTO INVENTORY**





CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

APR 25 2016

PARK & RECREATION  
PARKS DIVISION

City of Santa Barbara  
Parks and Recreation Department  
STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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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)

<b>DATE OF REQUEST:</b>	APR 20, 2016
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	MICHAEL BROZ
<b>ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)</b>	
<b>MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:</b>	MIKEBROZ@COX.NET
<b>DAYTIME PHONE:</b>	805-407-7691
<b>TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):</b>	2023 EDGEWATER
<b>TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):</b>	FICUS
<b>REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:</b>	CROWDING

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

## STREET TREE PRUNING/REMOVAL APPLICATION REVIEW

Chapter 15.20 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code establishes the permitting requirements for the planting, maintenance, and removal of any tree within the parkway strip of any street right-of-way or public area. All trees within a parkway strip are planted and maintained according to the Master Street Tree Plan adopted by the City Council and under the authority of the Parks and Recreation Department. A written permit is required for any person to plant, prune, trim, perform maintenance on, or remove any tree planted in a parkway strip, tree well, public area or street right-of-way.

*Tree Planting/Pruning:* Tree Planting/Pruning applications can be submitted in the form of a letter request to be reviewed and approved by the Urban Forest Superintendent or Parks and Recreation Director. The request shall include clearly, by diagram or plot plan and photograph(s), the location and identity of the tree or trees sought to be planted, or maintained; the name and address of the applicant; name and license number of the contractor that will perform the work; and, any other relevant information.

*Tree Removal:* Street Tree removal applications are reviewed by the Street Tree Advisory Committee. The Street Tree Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The review process takes up to 60 days. If the tree is found to be in good condition and the removal request is granted solely for the convenience of the applicant, the full cost of such removal and replacement shall be borne by the applicant. If the removal is determined necessary due to the condition of the tree, the City will assume the responsibility for all removal and replacement costs. Tree removal will be scheduled according to other pending priorities.

### APPEAL PROCESS

If the Parks and Recreation Commission denies a Street Tree removal application, the Commission's decision can be appealed to the Santa Barbara City Council and a written notice thereof must be filed within 10 days of the Commission's action. The appeal notice can be either hand delivered to the Clerk's Office at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93102, or mailed to the City Clerk at P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. An appeal processing fee is required in the amount of \$150, as currently set per City Council resolution

### PRUNING OR REMOVAL OF A STREET TREE WITHOUT A PERMIT

In December 2009, the City Council established the following fine schedule associated with the pruning or removal of a street tree without a permit.

Action without, or in violation of, a permit	Trunk diameter from 4" up to 12"	Trunk diameter over 12" and up to 24"	Trunk diameter over 24"
Pruning Offense	Up to \$500	Up to \$1,000	Up to \$1,000
Tree Removal	Up to \$1,000	Up to \$3,000	Up to \$5,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tim Downey  
Urban Forest Superintendent  
City of Santa Barbara, Parks and Recreation Department  
805-897-5592 or 805-564-5592 [tdowney@santabarbaraca.gov](mailto:tdowney@santabarbaraca.gov)

Michael Broz

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2023 Edgewater Way  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109  
April 20, 2016

Parks and Recreation Dept.  
City of Santa Barbara  
P.O. Box 1990  
402 E. Ortega Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Ficus Tree, 2023 Edgewater Way (Street Tree Removal)

This letter is in support of a Street Tree Removal Application. The tree is located at 2023 Edgewater Way, Santa Barbara. The property owner is Michael Broz.

We would like to request that this application be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next review meeting.

### **SUMMARY**

The ficus tree is one of 4 ficus trees in the front setback area. This tree is now crowded by the other 3 ficus trees and has insufficient space for its location. The tree must be removed in order to open up the view from the street.

There is not enough space for this tree to develop a crown or appropriate diameter.

### **BACKGROUND**

The removal is not associated with new development or redevelopment.  
There is no development project.

The tree is not a designated Specimen or Historic Tree. The property is not an historic landmark.

The potential size of the tree in relation to the size of the space it occupies is problematic. There is not sufficient space for the canopy to develop without spreading branches into the space of adjoining trees on either side. Trimming or thinning is problematic because of the logistics of this location.

There are several other mature trees on this property as well as in this block of Edgewater Way. The forestation of the area will not be compromised. There are 3 other ficus trees nearby. There are many beautiful trees in this block. A mature Japanese Black Pine is nearby.

The structure of the tree is not aesthetically pleasing.

The topography of the site renders removal of this ficus tree desirable.

In addition, many neighbors support the removal of this tree.

### **SUMMARY**

These ficus trees were planted 35 years ago and need to be thinned. We thank you in advance for consideration of this project.

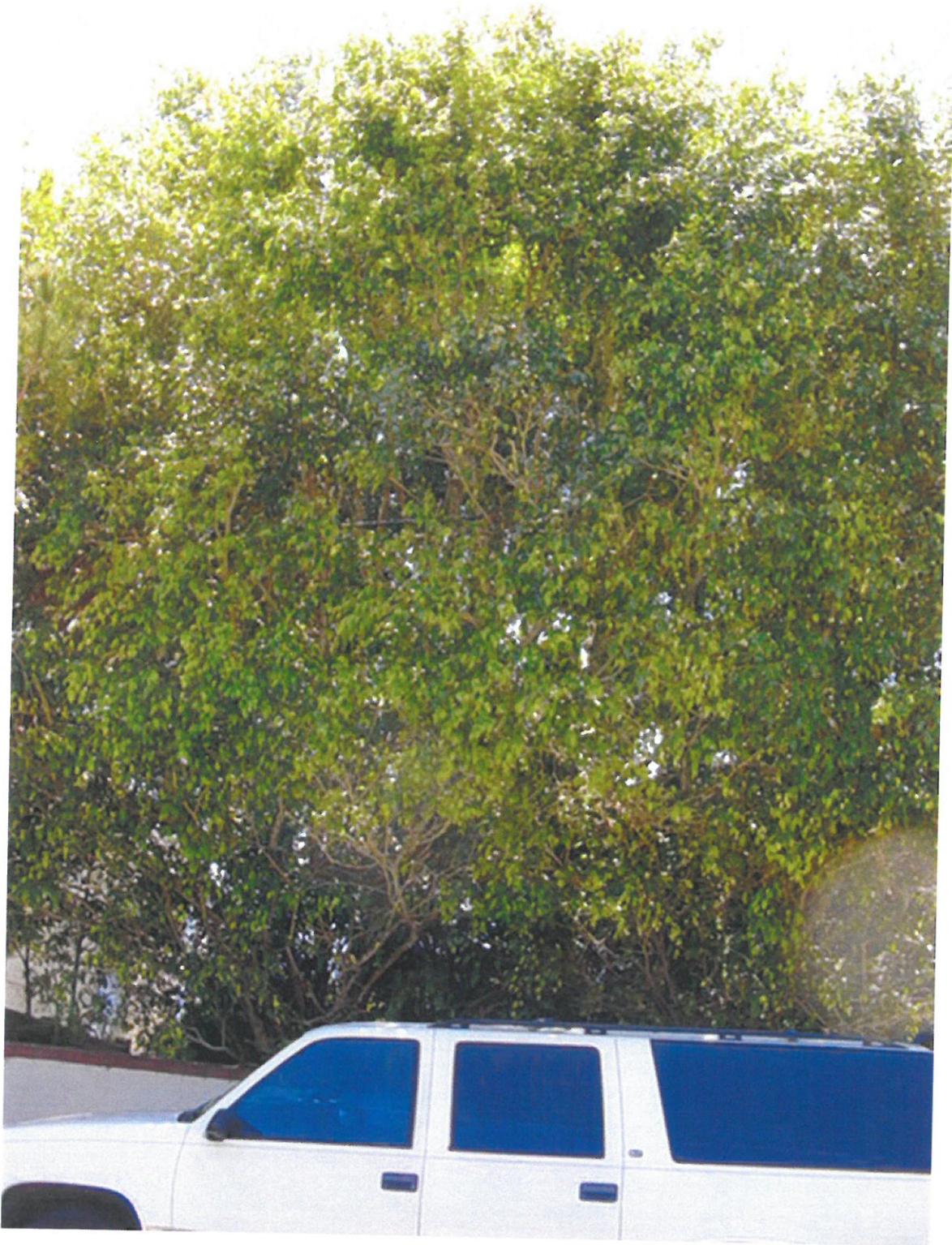
### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. The first photograph shows the existing 4 ficus trees in front of the property. The one to be removed is the second from the left.
2. The second photo shows the subject tree, crowded by the trees on both sides of it.
3. The third photo shows the trunk of this tree viewed from the street; it is crowded by trees on 3 sides.
4. The fourth photo shows the trunk from the property interior, viewed between the trunk of another tree on the left and an off-shoot on the right.

SIGNED:

Michael Boy  
OWNER











City of Santa Barbara  
**FORESTRY DIVISION**

ATTACHMENT

May 2016

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

Date: 2/29/16

Location: 0 block of Chase Dr.

Present Species Designation: *Pyrus kawakamii*, Evergreen Pear (1977 Master Plan)

Proposed Change to:

Existing Species Profile:

Reasons for Recommended Change: Change of street tree designation.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION  
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:

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Request for Change of Designation of Parkway Strip Trees at 48 Chase Drive Santa Barbara

To whom it may concern,

This letter is a request for a change of designation in regard to the selected tree species designated and planted in the Parkway Strip located adjacent to the property at 48 Chase Drive in Santa Barbara California.

The current designated tree species for the Parkway Strips in the neighborhood in and around Chase Drive is the Evergreen Pear, *Pyrus kawakamii*. This species of tree occurs naturally in its native habitat of eastern mainland China as well as the island of Taiwan. According to the Köppen climate classification the climate of China is a moderate climate with wet summers and is known as a Cw-climate. China being the only county in the world which has its own designated climate classification, the Cw-climate. The city of Shanghai on the coast of eastern China receives 43.7 inches of precipitation annually. While the island of Taiwan receives 98 inches of average annual precipitation! The area where this tree is from and has evolved, receives far more precipitation than Southern California which is designated by the Köppen climate classification as having a Warm-summer Mediterranean climate. The average annual precipitation in Santa Barbara is 19.4 inches. With regular watering in the climate of Southern California, *Pyrus kawakamii* will do fine and mature into an aesthetically pleasing medium sized specimen tree. *Pyrus kawakamii* is considered to be a 'Medium Water Needs' tree according to San Marcos Growers, on their website it reads, "These plants require a regular irrigation regime to persist and be presentable in the garden. These plants are not necessarily considered "thirsty" and include most of the plants in the typical urban landscape. In our cool coastal climate these plants, once established in the landscape, would require irrigation once a week to once every other week. In hotter and drier times of the year, some of these plants may require more frequent irrigation and may also not require any supplemental irrigation during winter or when spring rains are abundant" ([http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1333](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1333)). The two particular trees located in the Parkway Strip adjacent to 48 Chase Drive based on the age of the development are around 50 years old. Although well along in age the two trees in the Parkway Strip are both of rather small stature and are of stunted habit and form due to the lack of a regular water regime. In essence the designated tree species is not compatible to the climate in the region of the city where it is designated without significant supplemental water.

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In this current time of severe drought with the local reservoirs at historic lows it is now no better time to reconsider the appropriate tree species that can and should be planted in Santa Barbara.

This request for change of designation is based on the selection of two appropriate regionally specific, medium sized native California trees. The inclusion of native California trees that are regionally specific and have adapted and evolved through thousands of years to match the climate of the area are fine selections for any region of the city and particularly this area as it is located on a rather warm to hot south facing slope in the hills. In the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 15.20, Tree Planting and Maintenance, in the section 'Title' (15.20.010), the opening statement reads; "Recognizing that the urban forest is a valuable asset to the City of Santa Barbara...." This statement alone could not be more fitting and true of how important the city's trees are to the feel and character of the city of Santa Barbara. This being said, there is always room for improvement and the inclusion of native species should be paramount in the landscape of the urban forest of Santa Barbara. One reason is the fact that once established native California trees require very little to no water. A few gallons a month will keep them looking good in the driest of years.

The two tree species that are of interest for replacement, are regionally specific native California trees, *Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. aspleniifolius*, the Santa Cruz Island Ironwood and *Prunus ilicifolia ssp. lyonii*, the Catalina Cherry. These trees are considered 'Low Water Needs' plants by San Marcos Growers, on their website it reads, "These plants might survive on normal rainfall in our coastal climate but definitely respond to occasional but infrequent irrigation. In our own test gardens plants in this category, once established in the landscape, would be given a deep irrigation every 4 to 6 weeks." ( [http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1024](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1024) ) ( [http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant\\_id=1324](http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=1324) ).

These trees also provide another crucial ecological aspect that many native trees and plants possess, providing habitat for native insect pollinators. Such is the case for the *Prunus ilicifolia*, the caterpillars of the pale swallowtail butterfly, (*Papilio eurymedon*) forage on this plant in their larval stage. These two ecological based reasons alone, the saving of water and habitat for native insects, should be sufficient reason to consider and grant a change of designation in tree

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species for the Parkway Strip located adjacent to 48 Chase Drive in Santa Barbara. The aesthetic value cannot be dismissed as well, as they are both beautiful species that hold their vibrant green color year-round and have very showy blooms.

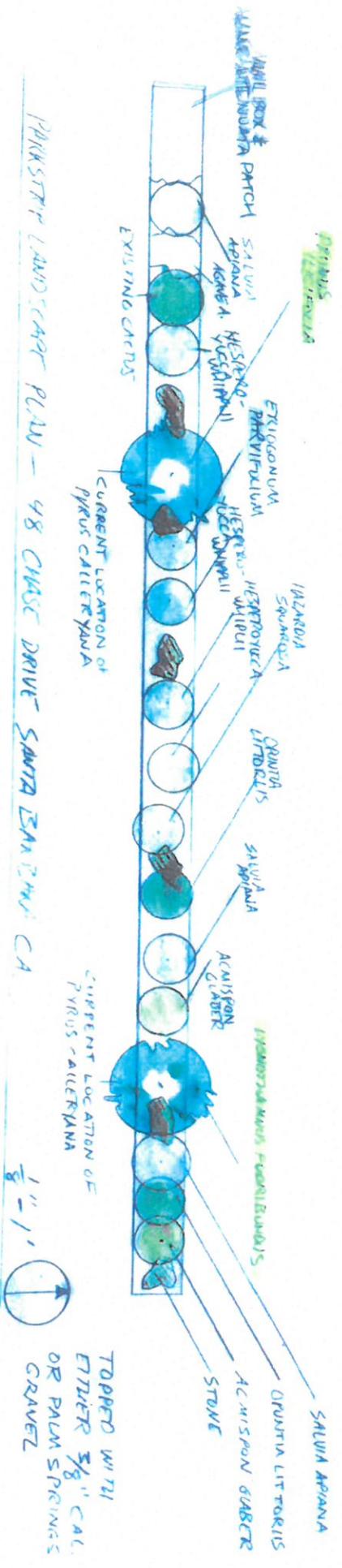
Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Bryan Van Derhyden Garden Designer

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**FORESTRY DIVISION**

**ATTACHMENT**

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

**May 2016  
Continued from  
March 2016**

Date: 2/22/16

Location: All of Calle Puerto Vallarta

Present Species Designation: None

Proposed Change to:

Existing Species Profile:

Reasons for Recommended Change: To designate a street tree.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION  
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:



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ATTACHMENT

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

May 2016  
Continued from  
April 2016

Date: 3/28/16

Location: 300 block of N. La Cumbre Rd.

Present Species Designation: *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, *Jacaranda* (1977 Master Plan)

Proposed Change to:

Existing Species Profile:

Reasons for Recommended Change: Designate a street tree for 2 ½' proposed parkway to be developed.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION  
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