City of Santa Barbara
FORESTRY DIVISION
STREET TREE REMOVAL REQUEST
October 2015

Date: 9/21/15
Requested by: Public Works Engineering – Jim Colton
Address: P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102
Location of Tree: 300 block of W. De La Guerra St., adjacent to the bridge

Tree Species: Syagrus romanzoffianum  Common Name: Queen Palm

Requested Reason for Removal: The De La Guerra Street Bridge has been deemed structurally deficient.

Current designated Street Tree: Arecastrum romanzoffianum, Queen Palm – January 28, 1987

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

Staff Recommendation: Approve Removal: ☒ Deny Removal: ☐

Date Posted: 10/13/15

Comments: The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of a Syagrus romanzoffianum, Queen Palm.
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<th>DATE OF REQUEST:</th>
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<td>APPLICANT:</td>
<td>Public Works Engineering – Jim Colton</td>
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<td>ADJACENT OWNER NAME:</td>
<td>City of Santa Barbara</td>
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<td>(IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)</td>
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<td>TREE LOCATION (Address):</td>
<td>300 block of W. De La Guerra St. adjacent to the bridge</td>
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<td>TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):</td>
<td>14' Palm Tree</td>
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<td>REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:</td>
<td>The De La Guerra Street Bridge has been deemed structurally deficient by Caltrans; therefore the replacement bridge and creek channel will be designed to current structural, hydraulic and geometric standards. As shown on the attached exhibits, permanent concrete work (longer bridge) will impact the street tree requiring its removal.</td>
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**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

- Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
  - The removal application is associated with new development or redevelopment of property
  - 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
  - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree
- Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
- Development plan/Landscape plan
Memorandum

To: Jim Colton
Project Manager
City of Santa Barbara Public Works

Date: September 18, 2015

File: Contract No. 24,337
BRLS-5007(055)
Br. No. 51C-0301

From: Craig Drake

Subject: De La Guerra Street Bridge Replacement Project
Street Tree Removal
Property Owners Letter

The City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department is replacing the bridge over Mission Creek on the 300 block of W De La Guerra Street. The project replaces the bridge with a similar width bridge as seen from street level. The replacement bridge is longer than the existing bridge to accommodate flows in Mission Creek. The project results in the removal of one tree within City right of way as shown on the attached exhibits. The tree to be removed is in direct conflict with the project and cannot be protected in place. Alternative bridge lengths were studied, but there was no alternative that could protect the existing tree within the City right of way.

The tree to be removed is a Queen Palm in a parkway between the street curb and the sidewalk. There is ample additional parkway within the project limits to plant up to seven additional Queen Palms as shown on the attached Landscape Plan. The actual number of Queen Palms that will be planted will be determined after the location of underground utilities has been verified.

The area along the creek outside of City right of way will be revegetated with native plants. The attached landscape plan has been through design concept review with the Architectural Board of Review, and will be subject to their approval for final design.
De La Guerra Bridge Replacement Project

Project Location
Street Tree Removal

14" Palm Tree to be Removed

Looking West on 300 Block of W De La Guerra Street
De La Guerra Bridge Replacement Project
Preliminary Landscape Exhibit

Indicates Proposed (7) Queen Palm Street Trees

Existing Queen Palms (3)

LEGEND

PLANT PALETTE

LANDSCAPE DESIGN STATEMENT

NOT FOR SUBMITTAL