

August 2019

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

Date: 7/23/19

Location: 1200 block of Del Oro Ave.

Present Species Designation: *Melaleuca quinquinervia*, Cajeput Tree (1977 Masterplan)



Proposed Change to: The Committee recommends (4/0) that the Commission change the designation to co-designate *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Little Gem', Little Gem Magnolia, and *Magnolia grandiflora* 'St. Mary Magnolia', St. Mary Magnolia for the 1200 block of Del Oro Ave.

Existing Species Profile: *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm, *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia, *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper, *Metrosideros excelsus*, New Zealand Christmas Tree, *Malus sylvestris*, Edible Apple

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

Change Denied:

Date of Action:

Via E-Mail

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Nathan,

In a letter, dated May 20, 2019, I was informed the City is going to plant new trees in the parkway in front of our house. I am very excited to have new trees, as we have lost several trees over the past 10 - 15 years.

However, I was also informed that the designated tree for Del Oro is *Brazilian Pepper*. These happen to be the trees that keep dying. We even had one topple into the street. Fortunately, no cars were damaged.

Several years ago, the City planted at least seven (7) new trees on our street. I believe the new trees are *Southern Magnolias*. I really enjoy the aesthetics of new trees and I witness others enjoying the trees; smelling the flowers as they pass by.

I would like to advocate that the new trees that the City plants are *Southern Magnolias*. It makes sense to continue what was started a few years ago. Not only did the City plant *Southern Magnolias* in the parking strip, several homeowners have magnolias in their front yard (1201 Del Oro and 1204 Del Oro).

My experience with the Brazilian Peppers is not great.

- I. They are not very attractive.
- II. The roots are shallow and invasive. They are tearing up the curbs and sidewalks [currently the situation on Del Oro]. In addition the roots tend to spread into people's yards and sprout more unwanted trees.
- III. They are messy.

Meanwhile, the Magnolias are a beautiful species, with flowers that attract birds and bees. In addition, my neighbors all enjoy the Magnolias [see additional signatures below].