

Date: 9/11/13

Requested by: Martha Degasis with Arcadia Studio

Address: 202 E. Cota St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 2230 Cliff Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93109

Tree Species: *Fraxinus uhdei* **Common Name:** Shamel Ash
Yucca elephantipes Giant Yucca

Requested Reason for Removal: New development on property.

Current designated Street Tree: *Metrosideros excelsus*, New Zealand Christmas Tree

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

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

Date Posted:

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STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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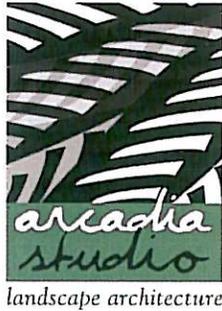
Office Address:
402 E. Ortega St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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

DATE OF REQUEST:	Sept 11, 2013
APPLICANT:	Martha Degasis ARCADIA STUDIO
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)	Seth Geiger
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	202 East Cota Street Santa Barbara 93101
DAYTIME PHONE:	805-962-9055
TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):	2230 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, 93108
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Fraxinus species, Yucca species
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	New Development on property

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Property owner letter, indicating reasons for removal. Also include whether:
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2. Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal
3. Development plan/Landscape plan



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September 19, 2013

Mr. Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Division
402 East Ortega Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: 2230 Cliff Drive Tree Removal Request

Dear Mr. Downey:

The project at 2230 Cliff Drive proposes construction of a new residence on the property. Due to these improvements, we request permission to remove several setback trees: one *Fraxinus* species, and six *Yucca* species (in clumps). The trees are not designated historic or landmark trees.

We propose to replace the trees with one *Geijera parviflora* street tree on Cliff Drive, and two *Stenocarpus sinuatus* street trees on Fellowship Drive.

The project has received preliminary approval from the City of Santa Barbara Single Family Design Review Board.

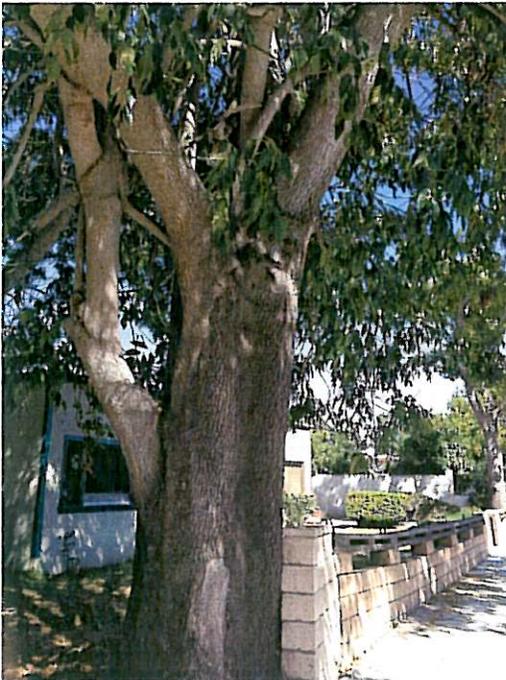
Arcadia Studio, Inc.
Bob Cunningham, ASLA
President

Attachments:
Photo exhibit
Preliminary Landscape Plan

2230 Cliff Drive MST 2006-00303 Street Tree/Setback Tree Removal Request



Cliff Drive looking northwest: Fraxinus species at back of sidewalk to be removed.



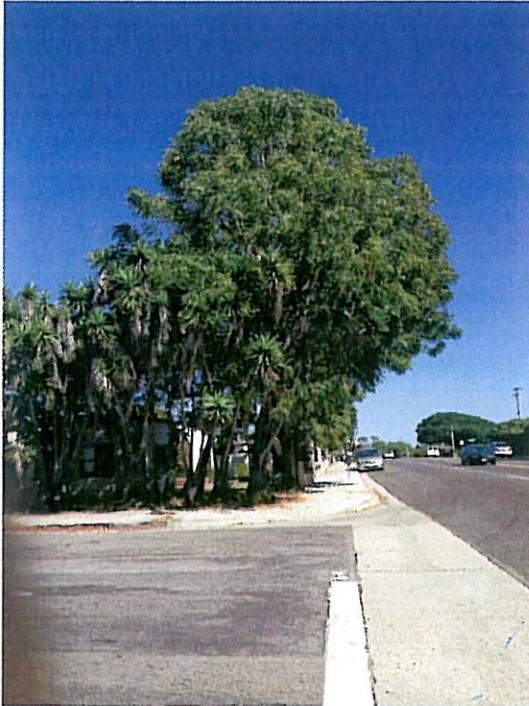
Cliff Drive looking southeast: Fraxinus species at back of sidewalk to be removed.



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2230 Cliff Drive MST 2006-00303 Street Tree/Setback Tree Removal Request



Corner of Cliff Drive at Fellowship looking southeast: Fraxinus and Yucca species at back of sidewalk to be removed.



Corner of Cliff Drive at Fellowship looking east: Fraxinus and Yucca species at back of sidewalk



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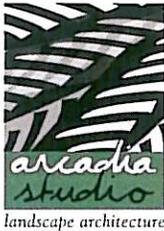
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Fellowship Drive looking northeast: Yucca species street trees and setback trees
Proposed to be removed and replaced with Stenocarpus sinuatus street trees in tree wells



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Cliff Drive looking northwest: In distance, Fraxinus species at back of sidewalk to be removed. In foreground, Cinnamomum camphora on neighbor's property to be protected.



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Date: 10/21/13

Requested by: Martha Degasis with Arcadia Studio

Address: 202 E. Cota St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Location of Tree: 1600 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tree Species: (3) *Stenocarpus sinuatus* **Common Name:** Firewheel Tree

Requested Reason for Removal: Unhealthy, deformed.

Current designated Street Tree: *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm

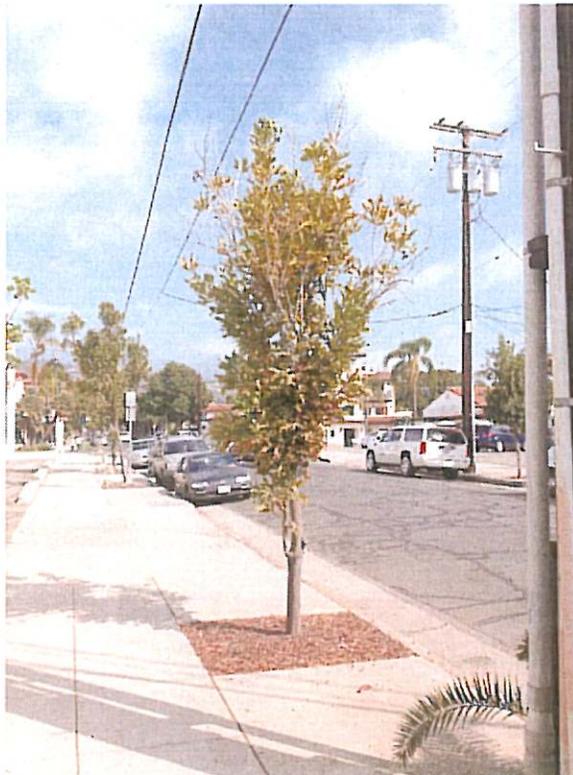
Advisory Committee Recommendation: *Conditionally Approve Removal:* *Deny Removal:*

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

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STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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

DATE OF REQUEST:	Oct 21, 2013
APPLICANT:	Martha Degasis / ARCADIA STUDIO
ADJACENT OWNER NAME: (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT)	1601 State Street Hotel Investors, LP
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	md@arcadiastudio.com
DAYTIME PHONE:	962-9055 x 31
TREE LOCATION (ADDRESS):	1600 State Street
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Stenocarpus sinuatus (3)
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	Unhealthy, deformed

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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October 21, 2013

Mr. Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Division
402 East Ortega Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: 1600 State Street; El Prado Hotel: Street tree removal and replacement request

Dear Mr. Downey:

The project at 1601 State Street proposes a remodel of the hotel and surrounding landscape.

Due to these improvements, we request permission to remove three street trees: *Stenocarpus sinuatus* / Firewheel Trees on Arrellaga Street. The trees proposed for removal have not been well-cared for and are poorly formed. Two healthy, well-formed *Stenocarpus* street trees along the hotel frontage will be protected in place.

We propose to replace the trees one-to-one with 15 gallon *Stenocarpus sinuatus*.

The project has received final approval from the City of Santa Barbara HLC on July 31, 2013. Plan check comments from Zoning include receiving an approval letter from Parks and Recreation for the removal and replacement of the street trees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Arcadia Studio, Inc.
Bob Cunningham, ASLA
President

Attachments:

Street Tree Removal Application

Photo exhibit

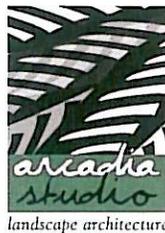
Planting Plan

City of Santa Barbara Land Development Team Initial Review Corrections and Comments (excerpt)

**1601 State Street La Quinta / El Prado Hotel BLD2013-01633
Street Tree Removal Request**

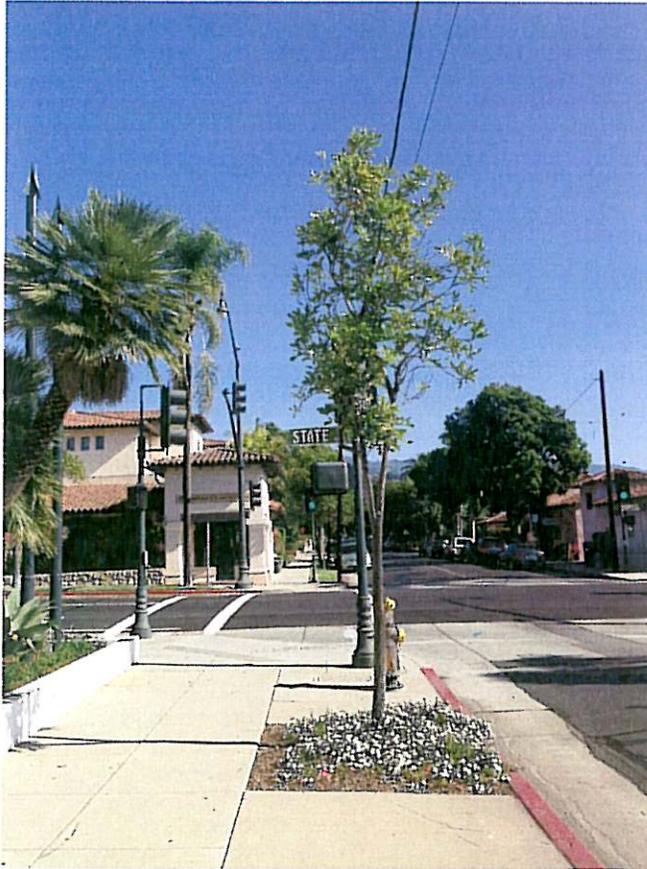


View to north of 3 Stenocarpus street trees along El Prado frontage:
Middle tree in this shot to be removed and replaced



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**1601 State Street La Quinta / El Prado Hotel BLD2013-01633
Street Tree Removal Request**



Northernmost Stenocarpus street tree to be protected in place



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1601 State Street La Quinta / El Prado Hotel BLD2013-01633
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Looking northeast toward State and Arrellaga at Stenocarpus tree to be removed and replaced



Looking southwest toward hotel at Stenocarpus tree to be removed and replaced



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1601 State Street La Quinta / El Prado Hotel BLD2013-01633
Street Tree Removal Request



Looking northwest at Stenocarpus to be protected. (centered on entry doors)



Looking northwest at Stenocarpus to be removed (south of entry doors).



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Street Tree Removal Request



Closeup of trunk of *Stenocarpus* to be removed (south of entry doors).

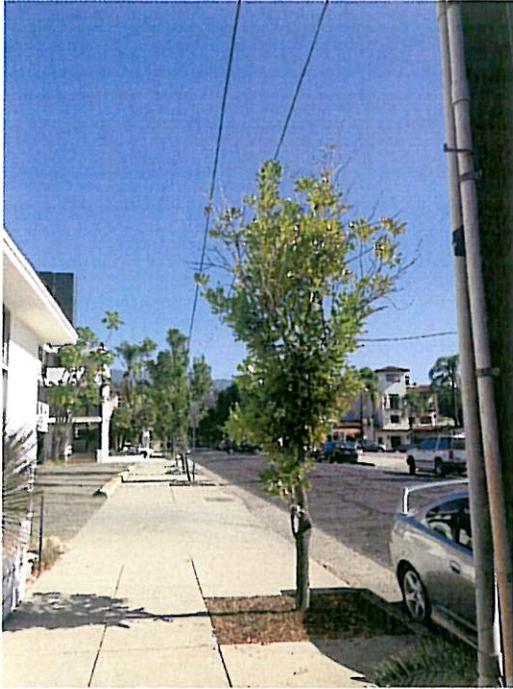


Looking southwest at *Stenocarpus* to be removed and replaced (south of southern garage ramp).



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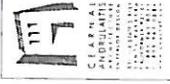
Southernmost *Stenocarpus* along El Prado frontage: to be removed and replaced



Close up of southernmost *Stenocarpus* to be removed and replaced



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El Prado Hotel
 Proposed project for
 1401 State Street
 San Diego, CA 92101

DATE	10/08/2013
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SCALE	AS SHOWN
PROJECT	...
SHEET NO.	LP-1
TOTAL SHEETS	17

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SHRUBS, GRASSES AND PERENNIALS

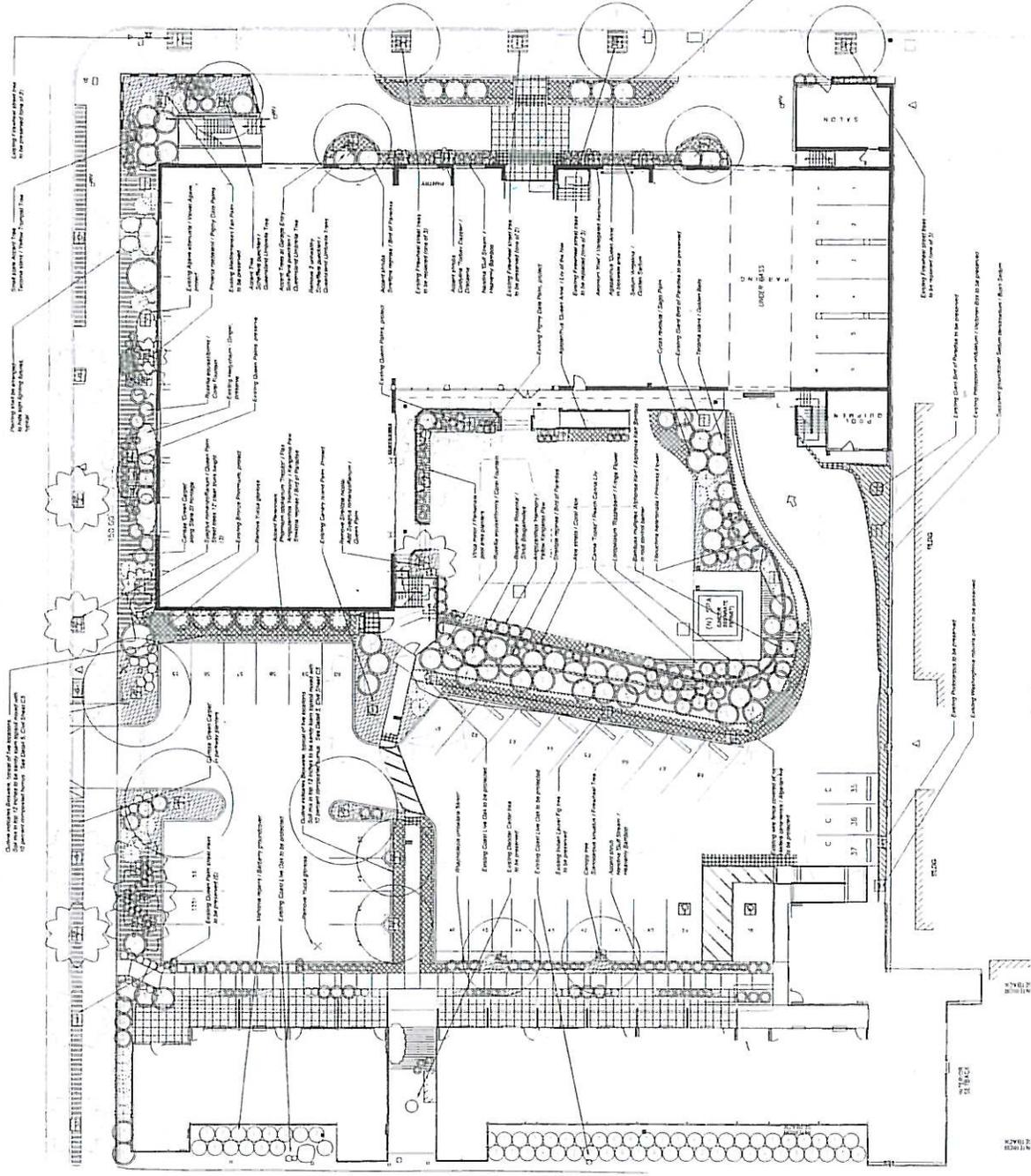
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See Sheet LP-2 for planting notes and
 for Specifications for Preservation of Existing Trees
 See Sheet LP-1 for Landscape Compliance Statement

Circle indicates removal of existing trees
 See sheet LP-2, items 1-4
 for preservation of existing trees
 See Sheet LP-1 for Landscape Compliance Statement



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**FRONT YARD SET BACK TREE REMOVAL
REQUEST**

Date: 10/14/13

Requested by: Joan C. McKay

Address: 1721 Lasuen Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93103

Location of Tree: 1721 Lasuen Rd.

Tree Species: (2) *Pinus pinea* *Common Name:* Italian Stone Pine

Zoning/Setback: E – 1 30' Setback

Reason for Removal: See attached letters.

Proposed Replacement: Yes No

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

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

Date Posted:

Comments:

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 SETBACK TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

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 PARKS DIVISION

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 Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 FAX (805) 897-2524

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

DATE OF REQUEST:	Oct. 14, 2013
APPLICANT:	Joan C. McKay
OWNER NAME (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT):	same
MAILING/EMAIL ADDRESS:	1721 Lasuen Rd. SB 93103 joanmckay@cox.net
DAYTIME PHONE:	906-3733
LOCATION OF TREE (ADDRESS):	1721 Lasuen Rd.
TREE SPECIES (IF KNOWN):	Italian stone pines (2)
REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL:	see attached letters
TREES WILL BE REPLACED?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES WITH: not sure. More topiaries to screen patio probably <input type="checkbox"/> NO

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: - none
 - 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; - n.a.
 - The tree is a designated Specimen or Historic Tree or located on a property with a designated Historic Landmark; - not
- > Photo of tree(s) proposed for removal attached
- > Development plan/Landscape plan n.a.

Joan C. McKay
1721 Lasuen Road
Santa Barbara CA 93103
(805) 966-3733

October 14, 2013

City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department
402 E. Ortega Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

RE: Setback Tree Removal Application

Dear Department staff and Street Tree Advisory Committee members:

I hereby request a permit to remove two Italian stone pine trees in my front yard. My reasons include:

1. Fire hazard
2. Damage to hardscape and street paving
3. Falling pine cone hazard
4. Incessant needles, sap and debris
5. Water hogs
6. Excessive shade on patio
7. Structural weakness of the trees
8. Excessive expense

Yes, these are beautiful, mature trees – but they were planted in the wrong place! They have become hazardous, a nuisance and costly to maintain. In the last 10 years, my family and I have experienced a great deal of misery associated with these trees and we want to regain some degree of useful enjoyment of our front yard and patio area. Further, the dangers and potential liability that these trees present contribute to high ongoing maintenance costs and they negatively impact my property value. As a single mother, I have had limited time and income in the last few years to devote to this permit project but it is now time to finally submit this request. I ask for your approval.

Attached are some photos. Please let me know if you wish to make a site visit.

I know these trees well.

This property has been my family home since 1968 and I have owned it since 1988. I therefore have a long history of living with the two trees in the front yard. When I was a teenager in the late '60s and early '70s, we used to sunbathe in the front yard which meant that the canopies of the two trees were not nearly so big. Now, the canopies are massive, intertwined and high overhead. Recently I stood on the south facing deck of my home, turned around and looked up at the tree branches – what I noticed is that these trees are continuing to grow outward over my roof, despite their already immense size. While once lovely specimens, these trees have become a nuisance and a liability in my yard.

Too large for their setting/obscured from view. (see Photos # 1-4)

The two mature pines are too large for their setting in the front yard which is not deep (i.e., distance from house façade to street). Furthermore, when in the yard, one does not relate to either of these trees in any way other than seeing their massive trunks. One must crane one's neck back to even see the branches and needle clusters which are extremely high overhead. Even from our second story windows, one cannot see much of the foliage but only the middle forking section of the trees. When on the street and approaching from the east (Dover Road side), the east side tree is visible (except bottom of trunk obscured by hedge), but the west side tree is not visible from the east at all. When approaching from the west side (San Carlos Road intersection), both trees' canopies are completely hidden by one neighbor's oak tree and another neighbor's camphor tree across the street. Thus, except for a couple of neighbors across the street who might see the upper portion of the tree, the west tree is not enjoyed by anyone and the east one is somewhat lost in the tangle of branches with trees across the street. (There are some places in Santa Barbara where rows of Italian stone pines are wonderful features, such as the tunnel effect along East Anapamu Street and at the rear entrance to Santa Barbara Junior High School. The trees in these locations, however, do not hang over residences' roofs and can be enjoyed due to much more spacious, open streets.)

Fire Hazard. (see Photos #5-8)

The greatest danger that the trees pose is the fire hazard. Branches of both trees hang far over the roof and when needles drop – which they do year-round – they clog the rows of saltillo tiles and make for an extremely serious danger in the event of a wildland fire or perhaps even a fire in one of our two fireplaces. We used to limit fireplace fires to wet, stormy nights due to fears of an ember setting the needles ablaze but it has been many years since I felt safe enough to do that. In the past few years, we all know what fire has meant to the hills of Santa Barbara. Twice, we evacuated our property for fast moving foothill fires that came as close as a mile to our home. A couple years ago, a Wildland Fire Assessment District staff member told me my home would be deemed “nondefensible” during a wildland fire. Needles fall year-round, requiring removal two or three times a year, and bids to remove them have been as high as \$900 (years ago before workers comp skyrocketed, I could clean the roof for \$75.). I can no longer afford the cost of needle removal from my roof.

Damage to Hardscape and Street Paving. (see Photos #9-12)

In 1992, I improved my property's front yard with new hardscape (stone walkways, stone patio and low retaining walls). For many years, one retaining wall has been increasingly misaligned. About a year ago, the roots of the pine tree on the west side broke the retaining wall and seating area of the patio in several places. It also broke a large boulder anchored at the end of the seating area. I am starting to notice cracks in retaining walls further down the driveway. I fear that the pine roots have or will damage the house foundation as well as utilities systems such as water pipes which run very near the west tree. In addition, in the past years, street crews have at least twice removed asphalt, cut down the roots that have caused very uneven surfaces in the street and repaved. The damage is likely caused by my trees.

Falling pine cones hazard. (see Photos #13-14)

When pine cones fall from the tree, they are extremely dangerous to property and humans. I used to rarely hear cones fall on the tile roof, clunk, roll down and then clunk on the ground. That was before squirrels started coming about seven years ago to harvest the pine nuts every day for months. Now, during the late summer and early fall, if the squirrels let go of a pine cone before they have finished opening the bracts, it's like a rock. We found out in fall 2010 how bad it could be – a cone fell and cracked the front windshield of a friend's car parked in the driveway, necessitating complete replacement, for a cost over \$200. Several times, I have been almost hit taking out the trash or retrieving the newspaper or mail. During harvest months, I try to remember to walk outside with my arms covering my head, just in case. This is a ridiculous way to navigate your own front yard. For

years, I kept my daughter from playing in the front yard when she was younger and what a shame. This constitutes a loss of property value and subjects me to liability claims.

Incessant needles, sap, debris and dirt. (see Photos #15-21)

As mentioned, the pine needles fall year-round and, as I cannot afford a gardener, I devote roughly 90% of my available time for gardening duties to raking and disposing of the needles all year. The needles clog my roof tiles and gutters, cover the patio and walkways, have changed the color of the stonework, choke the low-lying plants, make the soil very acidic and hurt if using an ungloved hand. The proper way to trim Italian stone pines is to thin them rather than top them for view enhancement, and thinning should occur roughly every seven to ten years (I am presently long overdue for thinning). Hundreds of cuts on the branches result in thousands of sap droplets in the yard. In addition, sap occurs whenever a limb is removed (two limbs have fallen from the west side tree in the last twenty years) or when pine cones fall or are taken by squirrels. Sap on the hardscape is best removed by professional pressure washing but it cannot be removed from the plants, ground cover or dirt areas, rendering the yard virtually impassable for six to nine months after tree thinning. A few years ago, I purchased an electric pressure washer which I used maybe three times over 8 years – it was back-breaking, time-consuming, water and electricity consumptive and still did not remove all the sap. At first the sap droplets are soft but if not removed at this stage, they remain sticky within a more dried outer crust, so that even sitting on a spot of sap some years old can ruin clothing. Thus, using our kitchen patio has become virtually nonexistent over the years due to sap droplets. It is necessary to carefully prevent tracking sap into the house with each coming and going. We keep oil-based solvent by the kitchen door to remove sap from shoes or it gets tracked onto our hardwood floors, and we try to pick up fresh droplets that glisten on the hardscape as we pass. My car has many spots of dried sap which have damaged the paint. In addition to sap and needles, during the squirrel residency, amazing amounts of messy and annoying debris of pine cone bits are left all over the patio, driveway and yard.

Water hogs.

A landscaper said to me once, “That giant sucking sound you hear out here is the pine trees sucking up every drop of available water.” Thus, every plant beneath the trees – the plants that one can relate to and enjoy when in the yard – must compete for water. The trees definitely create their own environment, including making the soil more acidic due to the needles. Extensive roots make it hard to plant anything more than a one gallon plant. Even five gallon plants are a challenge to install. Many plants in the front should have become larger in the last two decades but are dwarfed partially due to the trees’ roots.

Excessive shade on patio.

When I inherited the property in 1988, I proceeded with a kitchen remodel and decided to add a patio outside my kitchen. Yet it is usually too shady to enjoy. The tree’s very large canopy creates a predominantly shady environment and, given the near-constant breeze on the Riviera, sitting on the patio is only a pleasant experience on the very hottest of summer days. I want a nice sunny spot off our kitchen for entertaining and personal enjoyment year-round.

Structural weakness of the trees.

I have recently sought several bids for removal of the trees. At least three arborists mentioned the structural weakness of the tree and one mentioned the possibility of the west side tree falling due. Over the years, two limbs from the west tree have fallen across the walkway and into the street, making the tree somewhat lopsided. There is also a lot of dead wood in the trees at present.

Excessive expense.

It is extremely expensive to maintain these trees and deal with their consequences. In the early 90s, I was fortunate to have a roofer who regularly cleaned the needles off the tile roof for \$75. Once liability

rates skyrocketed, he went out of business and I had estimates as high as \$900 to simply remove needles! The needles should be removed from the roof at least twice a year, but I simply cannot afford it. The trees create a dirty environment below and our flagstone walkways and patio quickly become soiled under the trees and look dull and bland. Pressure washing the hardscape would be a never-ending task but I cannot afford the expense. A home pressure washer is not adequate to remove all the sap spots as well – professional removal is required. Thinning the trees is requisite about every seven to ten years and costs several thousand dollars. The last time it was done about 15 years ago, an uphill neighbor covered the cost. Removing a tree squirrel turns out to be another expensive endeavor. The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) consider this species to be “game” and require a hunting license to shoot one down. Trapping them is not easy and requires a DFG permit. One estimate for trapping a tree squirrel several years ago was \$250 for the first week and \$200 for each week thereafter but trapping is considered highly problematic and likely would take many weeks, if successful at all. Two large limbs have fallen from one of the trees in the past 20 years, requiring emergency service, and another limb had to be removed by order of Wildland Fire Assessment. The trees even caused a basement flood once (clogging the gutter just above the crawl space vent that led to rain water coming into the house). That was a costly fix requiring professional water damage cleanup and new carpeting. These trees are an extreme nuisance, cost a ridiculous amount of money to maintain, expose me to potential financial liability and are adversely impacting my property value.

I hereby submit a permit application for removal of the two Italian stone pine trees.

Sincerely,



Joan C. McKay
Homeowner

PHOTOS ACCOMPANYING TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION
1721 Lasuen Road, Santa Barbara 93103



Photos 1 and 2. In the yard, one does not see or relate to the trees other than the lower trunk.





Photo 3. Street view from east side (lots of dead wood, branches tangled with trees across street, branches overhang almost entire front half of tile roof)



Photo 4. Street view from west side – oaks and other trees obscure canopies.

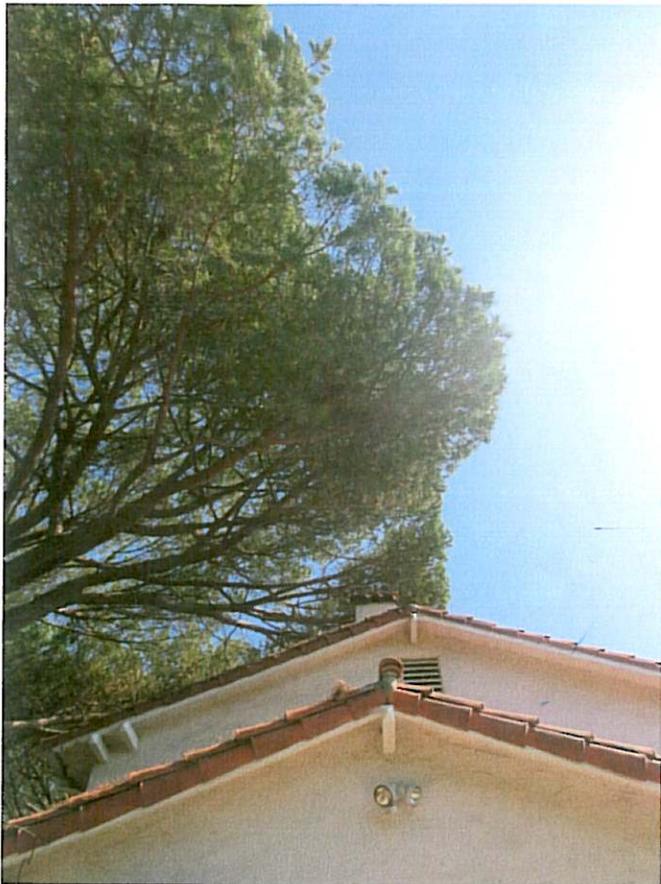


Photo 5. Branches hang over more than half of roof.



Photo 6. Roof is so clogged with needles that tiles are obscured. Needles fall all year-round.



Photo 7. Needles on roof and gutter are a massive fire hazard. Bids up to \$900 to remove.



Photo 8. Much of front portion of roof is full of needles, and in the last few years, more needles are appearing on back portion of roof.



Photo 9. Over the years, this low wall has been steadily misaligned by the roots.

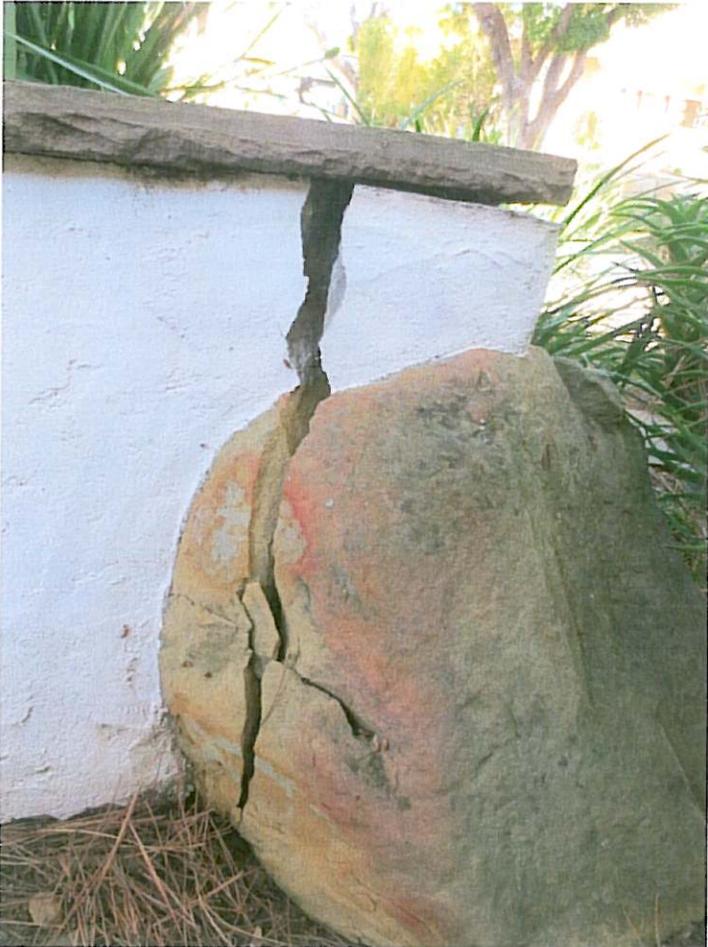


Photo 10. A year ago, pine roots pushed through retaining wall and broke large boulder.



Photo 11. New cracks are now evident along the same wall.



Photo 12. Cracking in retaining walls evident along driveway.



Photos 13 & 14. Squirrels mostly open bracts to harvest pine nuts but sometimes let go of a cone before opening it up. Then they hurtle to the ground; one broke a car windshield.



Photos 15 & 16. Cleaning up incessant needles and debris on upper driveway, patio and front walkway leaves little time to do any other gardening.



Photos 17. Debris from the squirrels' harvesting covers patio in summer and early fall.



Photo 18. Daily sweep-up in summer/early fall right in front of our kitchen door.



Photo 19. Cleaning needles off roof has become an exorbitant cost.

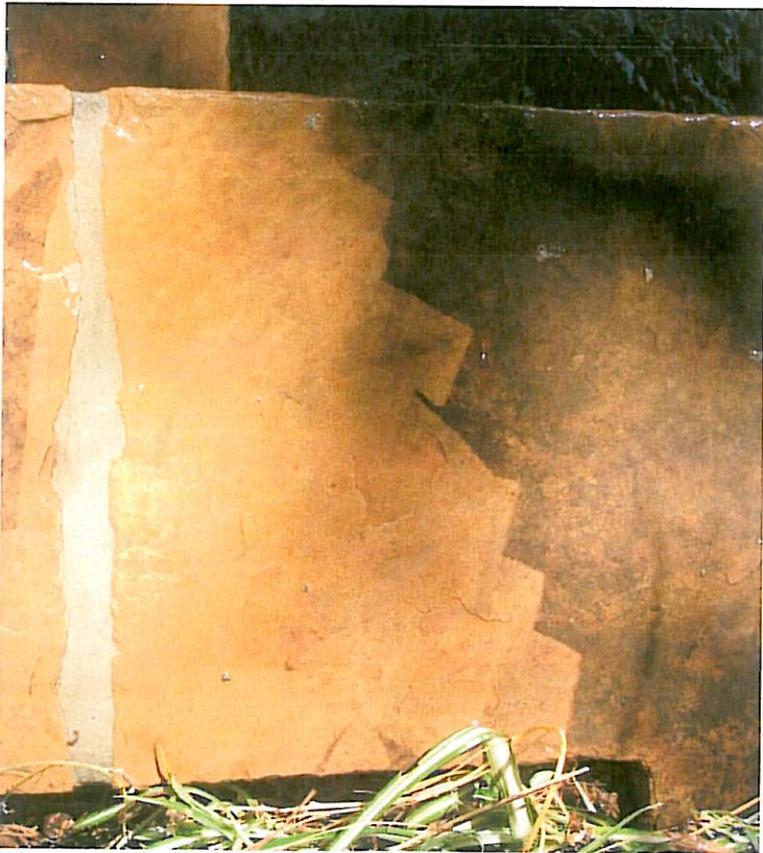


Photo 20. Water pressure cleaning reveals beauty of stone. Under the pines, the stonework is always dirty.



Photo 21. Sap ruins clothing, is tracked into the house and damages paint of cars in driveway.



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

November 2013,
postponed from
October 2013

Date: 8/20/13

Location: All of Samarkand Dr. (request was for 300 block)

Present Species Designation: Lophostemon (Tristania) confertus, Brisbane Box

Proposed Change to: Stenocarpus sinuatus, Firewheel Tree

Existing Species Profile: Various trees

Reasons for Recommended Change: Request to add a new co-designation.

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

November 2013
Postponed from
October 2013

Date: 9/26/13

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

Present Species Designation: Acer oblongum, Evergreen Maple

Proposed Change to: Request removal of existing Kaffir Plums

Existing Species Profile: Various trees

Reasons for Recommended Change: See attached letter.

**PARK COMMISSION ACTION
PHOTO INVENTORY**

Change Adopted:

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