



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION AMENDED AGENDA

Council Chambers - 100 Civic Center Drive

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 - 5:00 PM

Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Members:

Diane Daruty, Chair
Hassan Archer, Vice Chair
David Granoff, Commissioner
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Heather Ignatin, Commissioner
Keira Kirby, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner

Staff Members:

Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission. The Chair may limit public Comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

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1. You can submit your comments and questions in writing for Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consideration by sending them to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission at PBRCcommission@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, November 1, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.
2. In person in Council Chambers; 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Please know that it is important to allow public participation at this meeting. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the information will be posted to the City's website.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Recreation Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City provides a yellow sign-in card to assist in the preparation of the minutes. The completion of the card is not required in order to address the PB&R Commission. If the optional

sign-in card has been completed, it should be placed in the box provided at the podium.

The PB&R Commission of Newport Beach welcomes and encourages community participation. Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

This is the time in which PB&R Commissioners may pull items from the CONSENT CALENDAR for discussion (Items V-A through V-D). Public comments are also invited on Consent Calendar items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, please state your name for the record. If any item is removed from the Consent Calendar by a PB&R Commissioner, members of the public are invited to speak on each item for up to three (3) minutes per item.

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the PB&R Commission votes on the motion unless a Commissioner requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Special Meeting of September 22, 2021

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[09-22-2021 PBR Draft Special Minutes](#)

B. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Meeting of October 5, 2021

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[10-05-2021 PBR Draft Minutes](#)

C. PW Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[Activity Report](#)

D. RSS Activity Report

Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[Activity Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Ocean Boulevard Vision Plan - Recommend City Council have the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission establish an Ad Hoc Committee to further explore and potentially develop a plan or guidelines for landscape and park improvements along Ocean Boulevard

After reviewing the preliminary CDMRA Vision Plan and undertaking a Field Walk with the CBMRA members, determine whether the Commission believes Ocean Boulevard between Poppy Avenue and Carnation Avenue requires further landscape, park and/or visual improvements. If the Commission believes further improvement should be explored, then:

- A. Submit to the City Council a recommendation that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission establish a 5-member Ad Hoc Committee, supported by City staff and professional consultant services to further explore, and potentially develop a plan or guidelines for landscape and park improvements, and request that City Council allocate up to \$60,000 for the preparation of an Ocean Boulevard plan or guidelines

Or, if the Commission believes the existing landscape and park improvements along Ocean Boulevard are in good shape and little or no further improvements are necessary, then:

- B. Submit to the City Council a recommendation that no further effort or resources should be dedicated towards this effort.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

B. Reforestation Request - 519 Carnation Avenue

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approval of a reforestation request for a Carob tree (*Ceratonia siliqua*) located at 519 Carnation Ave. The applicant, Mike Messang, who resides at 519 Carnation Ave meets the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees). If approved by PB&R, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera 'Newport'*) installed at the applicant's cost.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-D](#)

C. Reforestation Request - Cliff Drive Park

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approval of a reforestation request for a California Bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*) located at Cliff Drive Park. The applicants, Brion and Bonnie Jeannette, residing at 400 Santa Ana Ave meet the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1 - (Retention, Removal and Maintenance of City Trees). If approved by PB&R, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*), installed at the applicant's cost.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-D](#)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
September 22, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Daruty, Chair
Hassan Archer, Vice Chair
David Granoff, Commissioner
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Heather Ignatin, Commissioner

Excused: Kate Malouf, Keira Kirby

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Deputy Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR-None.

IV. 9:00 A.M SITE WALK

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

Dan Herman, Corona Del Mar Residents Association (CdMRA), shared that the vision for Ocean Boulevard is to create a window on the Bay. The project is a long-term project and the purpose of the tour is to discuss the big picture for the boulevard.

Ron Yeo, Chairperson of the (CdMRA) Committee for Ocean Boulevard, reported that CdMRA provided a list to the Commission that groups together items that can be done easily, items that require moderate work, and then work that needs further discussion for Ocean Boulevard. City Staff have already trimmed many of the bushes. He requested that folks think about potential improvements of making Ocean Boulevard better, thoughts about the hedges along the boulevard, and how to improve the public right of way. He emphasized that CdMRA has never advocated to remove resident's landscaping. He requested that the sidewalk be widened to 8-feet starting at Poppy Avenue.

Commissioner Hayes inquired how much property does the City own in terms of encroachment on residents' properties. Mr. Yeo explained that the right of way for Ocean Boulevard is 50-feet and homeowners have to have an Encroachment Permit to build in that encroachment space. At 3719 Ocean Boulevard, there is a low hedge that is non-intrusive but it is located in the public right of way. Also, in front of 3719 Ocean Boulevard, there is a hydrant that can hinder wheelchair access. He noted that there is a rule along Ocean Boulevard that any hedges or structures cannot be more than 3-feet above the curb line. This rule has become unwieldy to manage and the City continues to remind homeowners to cut back their vegetation.

In front of 3625 Ocean Boulevard, he noted that the sidewalk narrows. He suggested that the hedges be removed and the sidewalk be widened between the home at 3625 Ocean Boulevard and the street. Another suggestion was to provide vehicle access to Inspiration Point.

Residents discussed issues regarding food trucks.

Mr. Yeo asked if the hedge between 3625 Ocean Boulevard and Inspiration Point are maintained by the property owner. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar answered that those hedges are City-maintained hedges. Mr. Yeo recommended that the hedge be cut down to a height of 2-feet.

Mr. Herman restated that the sidewalk should be widened to allow two people to walk abreast in each direction. Mr. Yeo pointed out the railroad ties near Inspiration Point were in good condition. He agreed that it would be a better experience if the sidewalk was widened. An interested party asked how wide the existing sidewalk is. Mr. Yeo explained that it varies between 3- and 5-feet.

Mr. Yeo explained that Inspiration Point was designed to be a disappearing pass. He shared that the design was well thought out and beautiful. The benches in the lower vista point and the railings have been replaced recently. Walt Howald, a former PB&R Commissioner, shared the history of Inspiration Point. Mr. Yeo mentioned that the sign for Inspiration Point needs a facelift as well as the top portion of the point. He suggested relocating the parking, expand the park 8-feet out into the street, and add more seating. Also, replace the railroad ties with a concrete wall to add some continuity to the space. He continued to point out various gathering areas at Inspiration Point.

Nancy Gardener, CdmRA, commented that there should be an app that identifies the historical features along Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Howald explained the history of the artistic structures in the area.

Mr. Herman shared that the older vegetation at Inspiration Point serves as erosion control as well as gives off a native feel. He commented that the recently planted succulents are the wrong plant and mentioned that the plants should be plants that are found near the ocean. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar shared that some of the succulents are native plants. He agreed that a ground cover plant that creeps would help

with erosion better but the City planted the succulents to reduce folks from entering the area.

Mr. Yeo asked if the City landscaped the area near Narcissus Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar explained that the City worked with a homeowner to plant the existing succulent jungle. He mentioned that some of the grass is not compatible with the succulents in terms of water needs. He added that the City maintains the area.

Ms. Gardner inquired if the road is a public or private road. Public Works Director Webb explained that the residents maintain the access and the City does the landscaping.

Commissioner Daruty inquired where would the expansion start for the grassy area near Inspiration Point. Mr. Herman explained it would start at the driveway and go just past the stair. This would result in relocating the parking area.

Mr. Yeo pointed out the railroad ties along the public right of way as well as the fire hydrant located near 3317 Ocean Boulevard. In terms of 3309 Ocean Boulevard, he mentioned that there was a public hearing held for an Encroachment Permit. The Planning Commission approved the permit and indicated that a Master Plan should be in place for Ocean Boulevard before the Commission can require the homeowner to redo the landscaping. Mr. Yeo suggested that the City envision the area as a park instead of its current condition. He noted that the existing palm tree at Ocean Boulevard and Marguerite Avenue should be a landmark palm tree. He mentioned that there are many historical areas along Ocean Avenue and hoped that the project would include historical markers. He requested that Public Works repair the disintegrate Ocean Boulevard concrete sign. Also, that the sidewalk be widened and install a new retaining wall.

Mr. Herman mentioned that there is an existing crosswalk at Marguerite Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. He commented that anywhere that has access to the beach via steps, and has a street across from it, should have a marked crosswalk.

Mr. Yeo pointed out the shrubbery that should be reduced to a height of 2-feet. Public Works Director Pekar confirmed that the homeowner maintains the shrubbery and that the City will have to enforce a Notice of Violation.

Mr. Yeo shared that the driveway of 3215 Ocean Boulevard is smaller and has no vegetation between the sidewalk and the house. He mentioned that type of landscaping is visually more appealing, but suggested that the sidewalk be widened.

Commissioner Daruty inquired if there has been any push back from the residents about widening the sidewalk. Mr. Yeo answered yes, but from the driveway to the entrance of the beach there is a red curb. He recommended expanding the greenbelt near the red curb after 3207 Ocean Boulevard and provide more seating for folks. He shared that he spoke with the Transportation Department about pushing the curb out because there is no parking there. They said no because during the summer it is too congested. He pointed out two view locations near Corona Del Mar State Beach that contain benches.

He strongly encouraged the City to explore more areas similar to those two in order to create more vista points along Ocean Boulevard. He pointed out a highly congested area near the ramp down to Big Corona. He shared that another committee member is very concerned about the safety of that area and wants to see a different solution done to increase safety.

Mr. Herman pointed out that the underside of the walkway is eroding near the Corona Del Mar beach ramp.

Mr. Yeo mentioned that at the vista point a Corona Del Mar Beach, the plants have died due to foot traffic and there now are painted rocks. He suggested different landscaping that blends the space into the coastal conditions. Further up he suggested changing the stripes to make the area pedestrian-friendly but still allows cars to drive on it. He pointed out more railroad ties that disintegrate near Ocean Boulevard and Iris Avenue.

Mr. Herman mentioned that there are concerns about planting trees in the parks because they block views. Near Heliotrope Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, he shared that since there is an existing red curb. He suggested that the sidewalk be extended out and expand the green space.

Mr. Yeo expressed that large quantities of water and rain collect into the Bay near Lookout Point. Mr. Herman believed that a retention basin should be installed in that location to clean the water before it enters the Bay.

Mr. Yeo explained that residents heavily use Lookout Point. He mentioned 2741 Ocean Boulevard has hedges taller than 3-feet. Near 2727 Ocean Boulevard there are two areas where the wall juts out into the sidewalk causing a tripping hazard. He commented that there is a nice view near 2711 Ocean Boulevard but the hedges are too tall. Public Works Director Pekar confirmed that the homeowner will be receiving a Notice of Violation. He recommended making the plaza near 2701 Ocean Boulevard a vista point.

Near Fernleaf Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, the sidewalk ends but there are plans to build a sidewalk to Dahlia Avenue. Near Dahlia Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, he noted that there is another vista point that would look much better with less concrete and more landscaping.

Mr. Herman acknowledged that it would be controversial and need further discussion with residents. But he suggested that because the street is wide near Dahlia Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. There could be more green space with additional parking installed. He envisions an island that defines the drive lane and then head in parking against the island.

Mr. Yeo shared that the City is seeking a Request for Proposals (RFP) to improve safety, install a drop-off area, and incorporate a small vista point near Dahlia Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. He summarized the renovations happening at 2495 Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Herman explained that 2495 Ocean Boulevard has one of the more dramatic viewpoints of the sunsets.

Chair Daruty opened public comment.

Walt Howald commented that the tour shared the pros and cons of Ocean Boulevard. He appreciated the Commission coming out and listening to what CdMRA is envisioning.

Linda, a resident, was very excited about the renovation happening at 2495 Ocean Boulevard.

Chair Daruty closed public comment.

V. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 10:31 a.m.

Submitted by:

Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by:

Diane Daruty, Chair

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
October 5, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.**

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Daruty, Chair
Hassan Archer, Vice Chair
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Heather Ignatin, Commissioner
Keira Kirby, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner

Excused: David Granoff, Commissioner

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Deputy Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
Molly Patience, Recreation Supervisor
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR - None.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting of September 7, 2021

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. PW Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

C. RSS Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

Motion by Chair Daruty, seconded by Commissioner Ignatin, to approve V. CONSENT CALENDAR. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Cliff Drive Community Center Rehabilitation Project Review

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission review and comment on plans (Attachment A) for the rehabilitation of Cliff Drive Community Center and forward to City Council for final approval.

Molly Patience, Recreation Supervisor, explained that the Cliff Drive Community Center is a single-use, multi-purpose room used primarily for preschool-aged programs. Staff has identified damaged areas in the community center that were caused by moisture and wear over time. The proposal is to repair the storage closet, install new ceiling insulation, updated light fixtures, and install a new HVAC system. Also, the proposal included removing a fig tree located near the facility to improve ADA access to the facility as well as reduce moisture and deterioration to the exterior of the structure. Proposed upgrades to the exterior of the facility included an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved ramp/sidewalk, painting the structure, pairing the rotted siding, drinking fountain with bottle filler and new curb wall. There are funds available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget for the design plans and estimated construction. The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) which resulted in an estimation of \$185,750 for the proposed repairs.

Commissioner Ignatin was excited about the renovations. She asked when was the building's last renovations, when construction is expected to start and how long would it last. Recreation & Senior Deputy Director Levin shared that minor improvements were done in 2008 and that construction will take place during the Christmas break of 2021.

Commissioner Kirby inquired if the flag pole will be addressed or potentially moved. Recreation & Senior Deputy Director Levin answered that staff has trimmed the Landmark Weeping Fig tree (to be protected in place) around the flag pole and that the pole is now functional. He noted that there are names of the boy scouts who installed the flag surrounding the pole in concrete and removing the pole would damage or destroy the names.

Vice Chair Archer wanted to know if there has been any feedback received from the community on the proposed changes. Recreation & Senior Deputy Director Levin reported that staff has not received any comments regarding the project.

Commissioner Ignatin requested an explanation about the proposed landscaping. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar noted that a landscape contractor will be invited to assess the area after construction is complete. The goal is to preserve the California-Friendly plant theme that already exists.

Chair Daruty opened public comment; seeing none public comment was closed.

Motion by Chair Daruty, seconded by Vice Chair Archer, to approve the plans (Attachment A) for the rehabilitation of Cliff Drive Community Center and forward to City Council for final approval. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. Reforestation Request - 315 East Bay Avenue

Staff recommends that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of two City Italian Stone Pines (Pinus pinea) located at 315 E. Bay Avenue. The applicant, Jami Sepulveda, has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal and Maintenance of City Trees). If approved by the PB&R Commission, the two replacement trees, 20-foot Brown- Trunk-Height Queen palms (Syagrus romanzoffiana), will be installed at the applicant's cost.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the applicant submitted a request for the removal of the two trees on January 27, 2021. Staff inspected the trees and found them to be in good health. The applicant moved forward with a reforestation request and proposed to plant two, 20-foot brown-trunk-height Queen Palms as replacement trees.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Detweiler shared for the record that Commissioner Hayes has recused himself from the item.

Commissioner Ignatin inquired on how close the trees are to utilities and the size of the parkway. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar confirmed that one tree is close to a fire hydrant and an Edison vault. The trees are roughly 10- to 15-feet away from the alleyway and normally large trees are planted 20- to 25-feet from an alleyway. In terms of the parkway, he shared that it is a 4-foot parkway with a 4-foot sidewalk. He noted that the trees should be located on a parkway that is larger than 8-feet.

Chair Daruty asked who planted the trees originally, are there other Italian Stone Pines in the area and is there any way to mitigate the impacts the existing trees are causing. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar believed that the previous owner may have planted the pines. He noted that there are no other Stone Pines in the area but there are some ficus and smaller eucalyptus trees. He shared that there are no other options that staff can implement to mitigate the complaints received about the trees.

Vice Chair Archer inquired if there are any disease issues with Queen Palms. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar answered no.

Chair Daruty opened public comment; seeing none public comment was closed.

Motion by Chair Daruty, seconded by Vice Chair Archer, to approve the reforestation request of two City Italian Stone Pines (Pinus pinea) located at 315 E. Bay Avenue. The two replacement trees, 20-foot Brown-Trunk-Height Queen palms (Syagrus romanzoffiana), will be installed at the applicant's cost. The motion carried by unanimous vote, Commissioner Hayes recused.

C. Continuance of Reforestation Request - 330 Snug Harbor Road

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches & Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of a City Siberian Elm (Ulmus pumila) located at 330 Snug Harbor Road. This item was previously brought forward at the August 3,

2021 meeting, where additional information was requested by the PB&R Commission. The applicant, Jamie Bland, has provided the additional information requested and has met the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees). If approved by the PB&R Commission, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, a 48-inch box Crape Myrtle 'Natchez' (Lagerstroemia indica 'Natchez'), installed at the applicant's cost.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar announced that initially the item was presented to the Commission on August 3rd, 2021. At that meeting, the applicant was asked to provide additional information regarding the listed damages the tree has caused. The applicant has provided additional documentation to staff. The removal request was initially denied by staff because the tree is in good health. The applicant has agreed to replace the tree with a 48-inch box Crape Myrtle.

Commissioner Kirby indicated that the estimate for the concrete repair is not directly related to damages caused by the tree. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar agreed but noted that the driveway apron and the drains located near the tree are lifted. The City is responsible for fixing the driveway apron.

Chair Daruty asked if the repairs done to the plumbing can help mitigate roots from invading the pipes in the future, did staff receive a video showing that the roots were in the pipes, is there any other damage that can be observed and are there other Elms on the street. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar believed that the Siberian Elms are not a root invasive tree and any repairs should last for at least two years. During a site visit, he saw that the invasive roots have been removed, but it was done far enough away from the tree to not cause any harm to the health of the tree. He mentioned that staff did not receive the video inspection of the roots in the pipes, he did not observe any other damage beyond what was mentioned in the staff report and there are other Elms on the street.

Commissioner Hayes asked how old the existing tree is and what is the lifespan of Siberian Elms. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar predicted the tree to be 70-years old and shared that the tree may live for another 20-years.

Chair Daruty opened public comment.

Craig Hudson requested that the Siberian Elm not be removed and believed that the applicant has not adequately demonstrated that the tree is the cause of the damage to the walkway, the drains, or the driveway. He shared with the Commission that through his petitioning process he received nine signatures opposing the removal of the tree.

John Sturgis shared with the Commission that the reason why his family bought a house in Cliff Haven was because of the uniqueness of the neighborhood and the trees. He argued that the tree is located on City-owned property and the homeowner should not be allowed to decide what happens to the tree. He strongly requested that the application be denied.

Chair Daruty closed public comment.

Commissioner Kirby disclosed that after visiting the neighborhood, talking with neighbors and reviewing the documentation, she could not support the proposed removal of the tree.

Vice Chair Archer inquired about the petition that was sent out to neighbors and are the plumbing issues unique to the situation. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar mentioned that the petition range was established before the changes to the G-1 Policy. The previous range for the petition was only up and down the street of Snug Harbor. In terms of the plumbing issues being unique, he shared that there are problem trees that have more invasive roots than others. He noted that there is no documentation showing that there have been sewer blockages from the existing tree.

Commissioner Malouf asked if any Snug Harbor residents have submitted support or oppositional comments to the tree removal. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar answered that staff has not received any comments. A petition was sent out and the applicant received 16 approval signatures from Snug Harbor residents which satisfied the 60 percent requirement.

Chair Daruty shared that the Siberian Elm fits into the character of the neighborhood because there are other Siberian Elms on the street. She acknowledged that while the tree has caused minor damages, the applicant has not shown enough proof that all of the damage they have sited was done by the tree.

Motion by Chair Daruty, seconded by Commissioner Kirby, to Deny the reforestation request of a City Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*) located at 330 Snug Harbor Road. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Kirby, Ignatin, Daruty, Hayes and Archer

Nays: Malouf

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PB&R Commission / staff announcements/ Ad Hoc Committee updates or matters which Commissioner members would like placed on future agendas for further discussion (this is a non-discussion item).

Recreation & Senior Services Director Detweiler reminded the Commission that there will be a fall concert at Marina Park on October 17, 2021. Also, on October 30, 2021 the Halloween Spooktacular event will be happening at Mariners Park.

Deputy Public Works Director Martin thanked the Commission and the public who attended the special Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission tour of Ocean Avenue. Staff is working on a presentation and will provide that with recommendations to the Commission at the November 2021 meeting. Staff continues to work with the PB&R ad hoc committee regarding the Balboa Island benches. He provided a status update on the oil spill and how it has impacted the beaches. The leak has not been discovered as of yet, but the weather has helped keep the oil off the beaches. Staff continues to monitor the spill along with the United States Coast Guard and the Office of Emergency Services. Until further notice, the Harbor Department has closed Newport Harbor to incoming

and outgoing vessels as well as published an advisory that there shall be no water activities until cleanup efforts have been completed.

Commissioner Hayes inquired who is paying for the cleanup. Deputy Public Works Director Martin shared that the Federal Administration will be making that determination. Recreation & Senior Services Director Detweiler added that staff is tracking all expenses and revenue losses. Also, the City has suspended all City-run recreation programs that take place on the beach due to oil fumes, but harbor-related programs have been allowed to continue.

Commissioner Malouf expressed that the City's social media platforms have not been sharing information regarding the spill and emphasized that professionals and government agencies must handle the situation and be transparent. Recreation & Senior Services Director Detweiler agreed and shared that she would work with staff to make information regarding the spill more prominent.

Vice Chair Archer suggested that larger signs be placed around the beaches to inform folks that there shall be no swimming or other water activities. Deputy Public Works Director Martin confirmed that staff will be posting larger signs and installing barricades. Vice Chair Archer suggested explaining the fumes from the oil and how folks should handle them when they do notice an oil smell.

Commissioner Hayes appreciated the public speaker in the previous item who announced he was representing the tree. He strongly expressed that there is only one planet and folks must start conserving now to make an impact. He expressed that the oil platforms are ugly and strongly expressed that the City should do more to conserve and protect the environment.

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None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by: _____

Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by: _____
Diane Daruty, Chair



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NEWPORT BEACH

Public Works Department Monthly Activities Report

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
From: Public Works Department
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director



Preservation of Special City Trees: Air Spading



In recent months, the new property owners of 1323 Ashford Ln contacted the City about plans to completely renovate their home. As part of the renovation, the Special Neighborhood Lemon-Scented Gum Eucalyptus (*Corymbia Citriodora*) trees directly impacted their project and complicated the installation of new utilities and the repair of the sidewalk and curb & gutter. These trees were planted in the early 1970s with the development of the neighborhood.

The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission denied the property owner’s petition to remove and replace the trees, and on August 24, 2021 the City Council affirmed the denial when the decision was appealed. Due to this outcome, Staff deemed it necessary to further assess the trees in order to take measures to both repair the City of Newport Beach (City) infrastructure and preserve the trees. Permission was given to encroach on private property to perform a proper root excavation in order to determine a Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) during construction for these two Special City trees and identify the limits of grading for the new house.

One of the tools to assess the condition of the tree’s roots is an Air Spade. This tool enables the safe removal of soil from the base of a tree or around its roots, without significant damage. The tool uses high pressure air through a hose to blow the soil away from a trunk or roots, which provides the opportunity to examine the condition of roots, root flare, or the trunk. Exposing the root flare provides our consulting arborist, Dudek, Inc. (Dudek) with valuable information regarding the general health or structural integrity of trees.

After the roots were exposed, Dudek was able to provide a recommended TPZ and identify roots that could safely be



removed without impacting the stability of the trees. The City's tree trimming contractor, Great Scott Tree Service (Great Scott), not only performed the air-spading but also carefully pruned smaller roots identified by Dudek. After this exploratory work was completed, the soil was placed back, and a temporary asphalt patch was installed in preparation of the additional future construction.

Root for Change

This week, our Landscape staff partnered with Stanbridge University for another planting event at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. City Staff and over 30 volunteers from the University planted 77 native trees and 100 native plants that were donated by Shadetree Nursery.



Root for Change is one of Stanbridge University's initiatives to help the environment through partnership opportunities by planting trees in locations across Southern California.

Stanbridge University's commitment to Root for Change and their community outREACH Program will bring them back to Newport Beach in 2022.

Important Safety Training: Chainsaws



On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, the Public Works Department coordinated with Great Scott to conduct a demonstration and interactive chainsaw safety training as part of the Municipal Operations Division's (PW-MOD) monthly safety training program. The training was well attended by staff from the Parks, Trees, and Field Maintenance sections. Chainsaws are important during severe weather events, since downed branches and trees can block or impede roads and disrupt other critical services.

Some of the subjects covered during the demonstration and training included proper maintenance, safe starting and handling of the power tool as well as safety techniques to use in various situations. Most importantly,

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was also discussed. PPE can protect hearing and prevent injuries as demonstrated during the training.

Several employees had the opportunity to use the chainsaws under the supervision of the experts provided by Great Scott. They gained valuable job knowledge and skills that are useful during emergency situations.

Participating staff from PW-MOD would like to thank Great Scott for providing the demonstration, the tools and their time in helping staff learn about these important power tools.



Newport Boulevard Mulching

Got mulch! Our Landscape staff is always searching for ways to help enhance our City medians and roadsides. Recently, our Parks section teamed up with two City contractors in mulching both northbound and southbound slope areas of Newport Boulevard from Industrial Way to Hospital Road. In order for the mulch to lay properly, the area was cleared of weeds, invasive plant materials and debris. Once the prep work was completed, the hydro-mulch machine sprayed approximately 1,000 cubic yards of mulch throughout all the roadside areas, which left a two-inch layer.

Some of the many benefits received through mulching include:

- Addition of nutrients to the soil
- Reduces soil erosion and runoff
- Preserves soil moisture, which conserves water
- Acts as a barrier to prevent weeds from germinating, which reduces herbicide usage



Trees Maintenance

The City tree maintenance contractor, Great Scott, trimmed trees in Grids 11 (Shore Cliffs), Grid 13 (Irvine Terrace) and Grid 17 (Peninsula).

They performed five city-wide service requests for tree pruning. Furthermore, Great Scott and staff responded to eight tree related emergencies.

Month of:	# of Trees Trimmed:	# of Trees Removed:	# of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:	# of Trees Planted:
SEPTEMBER	2,092	46	0	31

Prepared By:

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Parks and Trees Section

John Salazar, Manager
Street Maintenance Section



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Recreation & Senior Services Department Monthly Activities Report



To: PB&R Commission

From: Laura Detweiler, RSS Director
 Sean Levin, RSS Deputy Director
 Melissa Gleason, Senior Services Manager

OC Tiny Tots Fire Visit

Preschoolers in the OC Tiny Tots program at Marina Park had a surprise visit on Tuesday, October 5th from our Newport Beach Firefighters and the Station 1 Fire Engine. In the spirit of "Fire Prevention Week," the Firefighters talked to our preschool class about fire safety and prevention methods, who to call when an emergency takes place, and what firefighters do on a daily basis. The class then took turns holding the heavy turnout coats, boots, and helmets, and got a tour of the many compartments of the truck and equipment that it holds. The presentation ended with a question-and-answer portion, and each child went home with their very own fire helmet. Thank you, NBF, for all you do and for creating such a memorable day for our preschoolers!



Join the Craze! Learn to Play Pickleball!

Want to learn to play the fastest growing sport in America? The Recreation and Senior Services Department offers group and private pickleball instruction for all skill levels at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. Offerings are taught by Melanie Wheatley, local instructor and longtime pickleball and tennis player. Melanie competed on the National Senior Women's Tennis Circuit and won 4 National Championships, received the #1 ranking in the Nation by the USTA two years in a row and won two Bronze medals at the World Championships in Perth, Australia and Amsterdam. As a certified pickleball instructor she has transferred her vast knowledge of tennis to teach the sport of pickleball that is low impact, easy to learn and addictively fun to play. Classes sell out fast and registration is limited to Newport Beach residents because of the high demand. In the last 3 months, Melanie has provided over 100 hours of instruction to 175 players!



OASIS Fitness Center Equipment

The Fitness Center members are sharing their excitement and appreciation for the newly purchased Technogym equipment. For the past several years, we have been working on replacing our strength pieces starting with those that needed immediate replacement. Most recently we replaced the Multi Hip, Vertical Traction, two benches, and our very popular stretch machines. The new strength line is almost complete with six pieces left to replace.



Park Patrol

Requested calls are assigned visits by staff or schedule or phone requests. Customer Contacts are the number of times they stopped and spoke to customers other than requested calls. Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary). During the month of September Park Patrol had the following number of contacts:

1. PATROL CHECKS

- 266 with Youth Sports Groups
- 603 Field related issues/checks
- 20 Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks
- 76 Community Center issues/checks
- 415 Playground checks
- 99 other

2. PUBLIC CONTACTS

- 177 Education
- 29 Alcohol
- 84 Dog related

Written Warnings Issued - 1 for abandoned property left at parks

Citations Issued - 2 issued for illegal parking at the dog park

Facility Use

During the period of August 16- September 15, 2021 were:

- 36 Picnic/Park Area
- 7 Class Rooms
- 3 Fields
- 0 Gym
- 22 Civic Center Community Room
- 13 CYC Facility
- 5 Marina Park Picnic/Park Area
- 17 Marina Park Event Room
- 6 Marina Park Classrooms
- 16 Newport Coast
- 4 OASIS Classrooms
- 2 Oasis Event Room

Special Event Permits

As of October 15, 2021, there were 122 Special Event Permit processed and issued for the year.

- City of NB Surf Championships- 56th Street Beach- September 18-19, 2021, Attendance: 300 per day
- Crystal Cove Triathlon- Crystal Cove and PCH- September 25, 2021, Attendance: 250
- CDM 5k- CDM Streets, October 2, 2021, Attendance: 1200

OASIS September 2020

Facility Closed 9/1 - 9/30 due to COVID19

TOTAL USAGE BY PARTICIPANTS		7,402	CUSTOMERS
RECREATIONAL CLASSES (reported quarterly)		1,218	CUSTOMERS
FITNESS CENTER - Personal Training		71	CUSTOMERS
PERSONALIZED SERVICES PROVIDED		2,384	CUSTOMERS
Includes:			
Blood Pressure	0	Medical Equip Rentals	16
Counseling-Persons	45	Legal Assistance	5
SHARP Program Inquiries	4	Rentals (all)	0
Employment	0	Senior Assessment(hrs)	5
HICAP	22	Telephone Reassurance	275
Housing Counseling	17	Taxes (Seasonal)	0
Information and Referral	1995		
SENIORS RECEIVING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES		416	RIDERS
Care-A-Van/Shuttle			
CUSTOMERS RECEIVING NOON MEALS @ OASIS		3,165	MEALS
* only Meals On Wheels, no congregate meals due to facility closure			
VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROVIDED @ OASIS		563	HOURS
Includes:			
Board of Directors			
Instructors			
Home Delivered Meals			
PARTICIPANTS IN FRIENDS OF OASIS TRAVEL		0	CUSTOMERS
SPECIAL EVENTS/SCREENINGS/LECTURES		148	PERSONS
Beachcombing	7		
Oragami Craft	2		
Zoom Tutorials	12		
Caring Connections	2		
Succulent Care	17		
DIY Scrapbook Calendar	10		
Car Care Tips 2	53		
Grief Cafe	5		
Healthy Communications	5		
4 Weeks - Better Memory	30		
Shanti Virtual Happy Hour	5		
Virtual Cooking Corner			
- Chicken Curry	6		
- Bagels	9		
- S'mores	28		
- BBQ Salmon Sheet Pan Dinner	14		



NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item **VI-A**
November 2, 2021

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

FROM: Jim Houlihan, Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer
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TITLE: Ocean Boulevard Vision Plan - Recommend City Council have the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission establish an Ad Hoc Committee to further explore and potentially develop a plan or guidelines for landscape and park improvements along Ocean Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION:

After reviewing the preliminary CDMRA Vision Plan and undertaking a Field Walk with the CBMRA members, determine whether the Commission believes Ocean Boulevard between Poppy Avenue and Carnation Avenue requires further landscape, park and/or visual improvements. If the Commission believes further improvement should be explored, then:

- A. Submit to the City Council a recommendation that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission establish a 5-member Ad Hoc Committee, supported by City staff and professional consultant services to further explore, and potentially develop a plan or guidelines for landscape and park improvements, and request that City Council allocate up to \$60,000 for the preparation of an Ocean Boulevard plan or guidelines

Or, if the Commission believes the existing landscape and park improvements along Ocean Boulevard are in good shape and little or no further improvements are necessary, then:

- B. Submit to the City Council a recommendation that no further effort or resources should be dedicated towards this effort.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

Upon City Council approval, funds for said professional consultant services are available in the FY 2021-22 Capital Improvement Budget - Landscape Enhancement Program Fund (22L01).

DISCUSSION:

The Corona Del Mar Residents Association (CDRMA) has brought forth a preliminary concept for landscape and visual improvements along Ocean Boulevard and the string of parks that

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include Vista Points at Little Corona, Inspiration Point, Lookout Point and Dahlia Lookout. The CDRMA would like the PB&R Commission to provide a recommendation to the City Council to move forward with formation of an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of three (3) members of the PB&R Commission, and two (2) members from the CDRMA Ocean Boulevard sub-committee. Said Ad Hoc PB&R Committee, working with City staff and a Professional Landscape Architect (hired and managed by the City) would be charged to further explore and potentially develop a plan or guidelines for landscape and park improvements along Ocean Boulevard in Corona del Mar between Poppy Avenue and Carnation Avenue. The Committee shall report back to the PB&R Commission within the next 12 months to share their thoughts, product and recommendations.

The recommendation also includes a request of the City Council to allocate funds (estimate \$60,000 or less) for this Committee to prepare its plan or guidelines with the assistance of an outside consultant to organize, help develop and coordinate the work of the Committee, including holding at least three (3) noticed public workshops. The consultant will be directed to review goals and objectives from all sources in the preparation of its planning document that includes an overall vision, key area enlargement, public historical references, photo visualizations, and a phasing plan which divides improvements into logical and economic segments for implementation.

BACKGROUND:

CDRMA presented the Ocean Boulevard concept to PB&R on September 7, 2021, and at the conclusion of the presentation the PB&R requested that a “Field Walk” be performed. The PB&R Commission “Field Walk” occurred on September 22, 2021, beginning at Ocean Boulevard and Poppy Avenue at the Little Corona Vista Point and ending at Carnation Avenue and Ocean Boulevard.

The “Field Walk” was well attended by the PB&R Commissioners, City Staff and the public. Local residents Ron Yeo and Dan Herman led the group along Ocean Boulevard pointing out specific areas that could be improved and items that could be included in the Vision Plan. The entire minutes of the meeting are attached to this report.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

Attachment: September 22, 2021 Field Walk Meeting Minutes

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**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
September 22, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.**

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Diane Daruty, Chair
Hassan Archer, Vice Chair
David Granoff, Commissioner
Laird Hayes, Commissioner
Heather Ignatin, Commissioner

Excused: Kate Malouf, Keira Kirby

Staff: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Deputy Director
Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR-None.

IV. 9:00 A.M SITE WALK

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

Dan Herman, Corona Del Mar Residents Association (CdMRA), shared that the vision for Ocean Boulevard is to create a window on the Bay. The project is a long-term project and the purpose of the tour is to discuss the big picture for the boulevard.

Ron Yeo, Chairperson of the (CdMRA) Committee for Ocean Boulevard, reported that CdMRA provided a list to the Commission that groups together items that can be done easily, items that require moderate work, and then work that needs further discussion for Ocean Boulevard. City Staff have already trimmed many of the bushes. He requested that folks think about potential improvements of making Ocean Boulevard better, thoughts about the hedges along the boulevard, and how to improve the public right of way. He emphasized that CdMRA has never advocated to remove resident's landscaping. He requested that the sidewalk be widened to 8-feet starting at Poppy Avenue.

Commissioner Hayes inquired how much property does the City own in terms of encroachment on residents' properties. Mr. Yeo explained that the right of way for Ocean Boulevard is 50-feet and homeowners have to have an Encroachment Permit to build in that encroachment space. At 3719 Ocean Boulevard, there is a low hedge that is non-intrusive but it is located in the public right of way. Also, in front of 3719 Ocean Boulevard, there is a hydrant that can hinder wheelchair access. He noted that there is a rule along Ocean Boulevard that any hedges or structures cannot be more than 3-feet above the curb line. This rule has become unwieldy to manage and the City continues to remind homeowners to cut back their vegetation.

In front of 3625 Ocean Boulevard, he noted that the sidewalk narrows. He suggested that the hedges be removed and the sidewalk be widened between the home at 3625 Ocean Boulevard and the street. Another suggestion was to provide vehicle access to Inspiration Point.

Residents discussed issues regarding food trucks.

Mr. Yeo asked if the hedge between 3625 Ocean Boulevard and Inspiration Point are maintained by the property owner. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar answered that those hedges are City-maintained hedges. Mr. Yeo recommended that the hedge be cut down to a height of 2-feet.

Mr. Herman restated that the sidewalk should be widened to allow two people to walk abreast in each direction. Mr. Yeo pointed out the railroad ties near Inspiration Point were in good condition. He agreed that it would be a better experience if the sidewalk was widened. An interested party asked how wide the existing sidewalk is. Mr. Yeo explained that it varies between 3- and 5-feet.

Mr. Yeo explained that Inspiration Point was designed to be a disappearing pass. He shared that the design was well thought out and beautiful. The benches in the lower vista point and the railings have been replaced recently. Walt Howald, a former PB&R Commissioner, shared the history of Inspiration Point. Mr. Yeo mentioned that the sign for Inspiration Point needs a facelift as well as the top portion of the point. He suggested relocating the parking, expand the park 8-feet out into the street, and add more seating. Also, replace the railroad ties with a concrete wall to add some continuity to the space. He continued to point out various gathering areas at Inspiration Point.

Nancy Gardener, CdmRA, commented that there should be an app that identifies the historical features along Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Howald explained the history of the artistic structures in the area.

Mr. Herman shared that the older vegetation at Inspiration Point serves as erosion control as well as gives off a native feel. He commented that the recently planted succulents are the wrong plant and mentioned that the plants should be plants that are found near the ocean. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar shared that some of the succulents are native plants. He agreed that a ground cover plant that creeps would help

with erosion better but the City planted the succulents to reduce folks from entering the area.

Mr. Yeo asked if the City landscaped the area near Narcissus Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar explained that the City worked with a homeowner to plant the existing succulent jungle. He mentioned that some of the grass is not compatible with the succulents in terms of water needs. He added that the City maintains the area.

Ms. Gardner inquired if the road is a public or private road. Public Works Director Webb explained that the residents maintain the access and the City does the landscaping.

Commissioner Daruty inquired where would the expansion start for the grassy area near Inspiration Point. Mr. Herman explained it would start at the driveway and go just past the stair. This would result in relocating the parking area.

Mr. Yeo pointed out the railroad ties along the public right of way as well as the fire hydrant located near 3317 Ocean Boulevard. In terms of 3309 Ocean Boulevard, he mentioned that there was a public hearing held for an Encroachment Permit. The Planning Commission approved the permit and indicated that a Master Plan should be in place for Ocean Boulevard before the Commission can require the homeowner to redo the landscaping. Mr. Yeo suggested that the City envision the area as a park instead of its current condition. He noted that the existing palm tree at Ocean Boulevard and Marguerite Avenue should be a landmark palm tree. He mentioned that there are many historical areas along Ocean Avenue and hoped that the project would include historical markers. He requested that Public Works repair the disintegrate Ocean Boulevard concrete sign. Also, that the sidewalk be widened and install a new retaining wall.

Mr. Herman mentioned that there is an existing crosswalk at Marguerite Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. He commented that anywhere that has access to the beach via steps, and has a street across from it, should have a marked crosswalk.

Mr. Yeo pointed out the shrubbery that should be reduced to a height of 2-feet. Public Works Director Pekar confirmed that the homeowner maintains the shrubbery and that the City will have to enforce a Notice of Violation.

Mr. Yeo shared that the driveway of 3215 Ocean Boulevard is smaller and has no vegetation between the sidewalk and the house. He mentioned that type of landscaping is visually more appealing, but suggested that the sidewalk be widened.

Commissioner Daruty inquired if there has been any push back from the residents about widening the sidewalk. Mr. Yeo answered yes, but from the driveway to the entrance of the beach there is a red curb. He recommended expanding the greenbelt near the red curb after 3207 Ocean Boulevard and provide more seating for folks. He shared that he spoke with the Transportation Department about pushing the curb out because there is no parking there. They said no because during the summer it is too congested. He pointed out two view locations near Corona Del Mar State Beach that contain benches.

He strongly encouraged the City to explore more areas similar to those two in order to create more vista points along Ocean Boulevard. He pointed out a highly congested area near the ramp down to Big Corona. He shared that another committee member is very concerned about the safety of that area and wants to see a different solution done to increase safety.

Mr. Herman pointed out that the underside of the walkway is eroding near the Corona Del Mar beach ramp.

Mr. Yeo mentioned that at the vista point a Corona Del Mar Beach, the plants have died due to foot traffic and there now are painted rocks. He suggested different landscaping that blends the space into the coastal conditions. Further up he suggested changing the stripes to make the area pedestrian-friendly but still allows cars to drive on it. He pointed out more railroad ties that disintegrate near Ocean Boulevard and Iris Avenue.

Mr. Herman mentioned that there are concerns about planting trees in the parks because they block views. Near Heliotrope Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, he shared that since there is an existing red curb. He suggested that the sidewalk be extended out and expand the green space.

Mr. Yeo expressed that large quantities of water and rain collect into the Bay near Lookout Point. Mr. Herman believed that a retention basin should be installed in that location to clean the water before it enters the Bay.

Mr. Yeo explained that residents heavily use Lookout Point. He mentioned 2741 Ocean Boulevard has hedges taller than 3-feet. Near 2727 Ocean Boulevard there are two areas where the wall juts out into the sidewalk causing a tripping hazard. He commented that there is a nice view near 2711 Ocean Boulevard but the hedges are too tall. Public Works Director Pekar confirmed that the homeowner will be receiving a Notice of Violation. He recommended making the plaza near 2701 Ocean Boulevard a vista point.

Near Fernleaf Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, the sidewalk ends but there are plans to build a sidewalk to Dahlia Avenue. Near Dahlia Avenue and Ocean Boulevard, he noted that there is another vista point that would look much better with less concrete and more landscaping.

Mr. Herman acknowledged that it would be controversial and need further discussion with residents. But he suggested that because the street is wide near Dahlia Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. There could be more green space with additional parking installed. He envisions an island that defines the drive lane and then head in parking against the island.

Mr. Yeo shared that the City is seeking a Request for Proposals (RFP) to improve safety, install a drop-off area, and incorporate a small vista point near Dahlia Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. He summarized the renovations happening at 2495 Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Herman explained that 2495 Ocean Boulevard has one of the more dramatic viewpoints of the sunsets.

Chair Daruty opened public comment.

Walt Howald commented that the tour shared the pros and cons of Ocean Boulevard. He appreciated the Commission coming out and listening to what CdMRA is envisioning.

Linda, a resident, was very excited about the renovation happening at 2495 Ocean Boulevard.

Chair Daruty closed public comment.

V. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 10:31 a.m.

Submitted by:

Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by:

Diane Daruty, Chair



NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item VI-B
November 2, 2021

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

FROM: Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director, Municipal Operations
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PREPARED BY: Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager
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TITLE: Reforestation Request – 519 Carnation Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approval of a reforestation request for a Carob tree (*Ceratonia siliqua*) located at 519 Carnation Ave. The applicant, Mike Messang, who resides at 519 Carnation Ave meets the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees). If approved by PB&R, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera 'Newport'*) installed at the applicant's cost.

DISCUSSION:

On January 27, 2021, the applicant, Mike Messang contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of a Carob tree (*Ceratonia siliqua*) in front of 519 Carnation Ave. Mr. Messang noted the tree's root ball had grown to adversely impact the sidewalk and the curb and gutter. The Public Works Department has made repairs and has ground the sidewalk in the past; however, the roots have continued to impact the sidewalk. Since the property is currently under renovation, the Public Works Department is requiring the applicant repair the infrastructure. And, the applicant would like to ensure the repairs will not be damaged by the continued growth of the roots.

Mr. Messang states the tree drops seed pods about a third of the year, attracting squirrels and other pests to feed, and drops sap and other debris onto the cars parked below. This also impacts the newly installed cobblestone and concrete flatwork. Additionally, the tree's branches block views since they stretch from property line to property line. Lastly, Mr. Messang also noted the 'old' look of the tree does not complement the contemporary look of the newly renovated home.

Staff inspected the tree and determined it is in good condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy. Mr. Messang was advised of the reforestation process as an option. He is willing to pay for the tree removal and a Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera 'Newport'*) 36-inch box replacement tree to be planted in the parkway.

NOTICING:

The applicant Mike Messang, Council Member Joy Brenner and the Corona Del Mar Residents Association have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners (map attached) were notified via postcard of the PB&R Commission meeting related to this tree reforestation request. The tree was posted with information regarding the tree reforestation request. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Reforestation Application

Attachment B - Tree Removal Report/Review

Attachment C - Map highlighting surrounding property owners notified of the PB&R Commission Meeting

Attachment D - Info Sheet – Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport')



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Public Works Department

Municipal Operations Division

Tree Removal or Reforestation Application

Per City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees), I am **requesting** a tree removal(s) to be reviewed by staff and submitted to either the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission for consideration at a future meeting or the appropriate City approving authority. I am aware that Commission meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of each month (except for holidays) at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ONE CAROB (CERATONIA SILIGUA) TREE.

Quantity and species, if known, of tree(s).

CENTER OF PARKWAY IN FRONT OF 519 CARNATION.

Location of tree(s)

Please be as specific as possible

Requestor

- Property Owner
- Community Association
- Other _____

Address/ Phone (Daytime) / Email

519 CARNATION
949-842-0636
MIKE@BUILDINGWORKSWE.NET

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 2-1-21

Print Name: MIKE BRILES

REFORESTATION REQUESTS: Please proceed to Section B.

Section A. For Tree Removal Requests Only

Removal Criteria (Check one or more)

Please provide copies of photos, bills, documents or any other related material that will verify the checked items.

- Proven and repeated history of **damaging** public or *private, sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities or foundations. (*Greater than \$500)
- Repeated history of **significant interference** with street or sidewalk drainage.
- Dying** Has no prospect of recovery.
- Diseased** Cannot be cured by current arboricultural methods. In advanced state of decline with no prospect of recovery.
- Hazardous** Defective, potential to fail, could cause damage to persons/property upon failure. Assessment by City Arborist will identify structural defects, parts likely to fail, targets-if fails, procedures and actions to abate.
- Beautification Project** In conjunction with a City Council-approved City, commercial, neighborhood, or community association beautification program.

Section B. For Reforestation Requests Only

Reforestation is the concept of systematically replacing Problem or All Other Trees which are creating hardscape and/or view problems and cannot be properly trimmed, pruned or modified to alleviate the problem(s) they create, or those which have reached their full life, and are declining in health, or are simply the wrong species of tree(s) for the planted location.

As initiated by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property Owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Check all items applicable:

- Tree(s) causing curb, gutter, sidewalk or underground utilities damage.
- Wrong tree species for location
- View encroachment
- Area has clearly defined contiguous boundaries that include the tree(s) proposed.
- Residential communities, neighborhoods, or business organizations who apply for reforestation must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of the property owners within the area defined.
- Areas represented by a legally established community association, may submit a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting a reforestation.
- Individual property owners must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private properties on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation site) as well as the endorsement of the appropriate homeowners' association, if applicable.

*A request for reforestation requires a written agreement submitted to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission by the petitioning sponsor (Individual private property owner(s) or group) to pay 100% of the costs of the removal and replacement of the public tree(s) in advance of any removal activity. The actual removal and replanting will be coordinated by the Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division using the City tree maintenance contractor.

*There shall be a minimum of a one-for-one replacement of all tree(s) removed in reforestation projects. Replacement tree(s) shall be a minimum size of 36" boxed tree and cost ranges from \$706 to \$910, unless the parkway space will not accommodate a 36" boxed tree or a tree cannot be planted due to planting restrictions contained in City Council Policy G-6.

This form does not replace the requirements of any of the City tree policies. Its use is intended to expedite the tree removal or reforestation requests and to ensure compliance with all City requirements. Please refer to individual City Council Policy G-1 for additional information.

REQUESTOR COMMENTS: *The existing tree is messy, too big and invasive. We propose a new 36" box purple plum, a new sidewalk and parkway planting. All in front of a newly constructed single family home that is a compliment and improvement to the city. No cost to C.N.B.*
THANK YOU-

Removals, except emergency, will be subject to the notification processes, time frames and authority as specified in the City Council G-1 Policy.



Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division

TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Name: Mike Messang

Location(s) of tree(s): 519 Carnation Avenue / Front 1

Request: The applicant contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of the City-owned Carob tree (*Ceratonia siliqua*) located at 519 Carnation Avenue.

Botanical/Common Names: *Ceratonia siliqua* / Carob

Estimated Tree Value: \$6,080.00

Replacement Street Tree: Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport')

Damage: N/A

Parkway: Concrete Brick (X) Turf Other


Comments: A field inspection determined the Carob tree is in good condition and does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy.

Mr. Messang noted that the tree's root ball has grown to the point that it is beginning to impact the sidewalk and the curb and gutter despite the attempts to correct it by Public Works. The roots are again impacting the sidewalk. The applicant fears that the repairs will quickly be undone by the continued growth of the roots.

Mr. Messang also states that the tree drops seed pods about a third of the year which attracts squirrels and other vermin to feed which eventually drops sap and debris onto the cars parked below. This also impacts the newly installed cobblestone and concrete flatwork. Additionally, the tree's branches block views since they stretch from property line to property line. Lastly, the applicant states that the 'old' look of the tree does not complement the contemporary look of the newly renovated home.

The applicant is willing to pay for the tree removal and a Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport') 36-inch box replacement tree.

Inspected by: _____


John J. Nelson, City Arborist

Date: October 14, 2021

Recommendation: Staff is denying the removal request of the Carob tree and has advised Mr. Messang of the appeal process.


Reviewed by:



Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager

Date: October 14, 2021

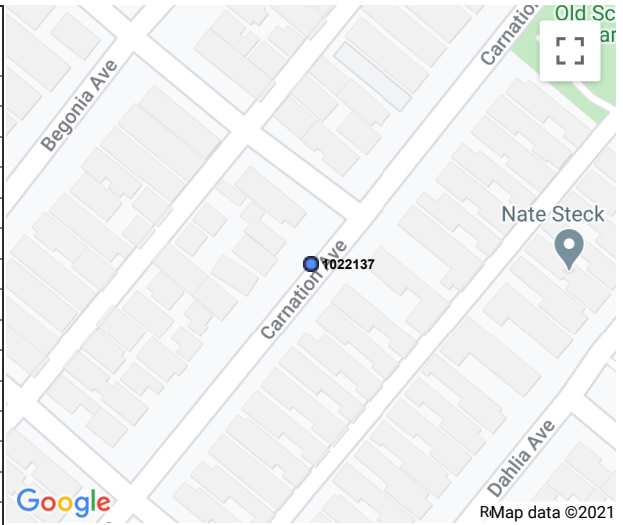
LANDSCAPE MANAGER – COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

Signature:  Date: 10/14/21

Detail Notes Images Documents Observations

Inventory Detail

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District	12			
Area	12			
Address	519 CARNATION AVE			
Side/Site	Front - 1			
Alt Address				
Tree Species	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i> / Carob			
Common Name	Carob			
Size	25-30			
Height	15-30			
DBH				
Condition	FAIR			
Grow Space				
Space Size				
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Sidewalk Damage				
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Service Type	Grid Pruning			
Season	MAY/JUN			
Estimated Value	\$6,080.00			
Next Date				



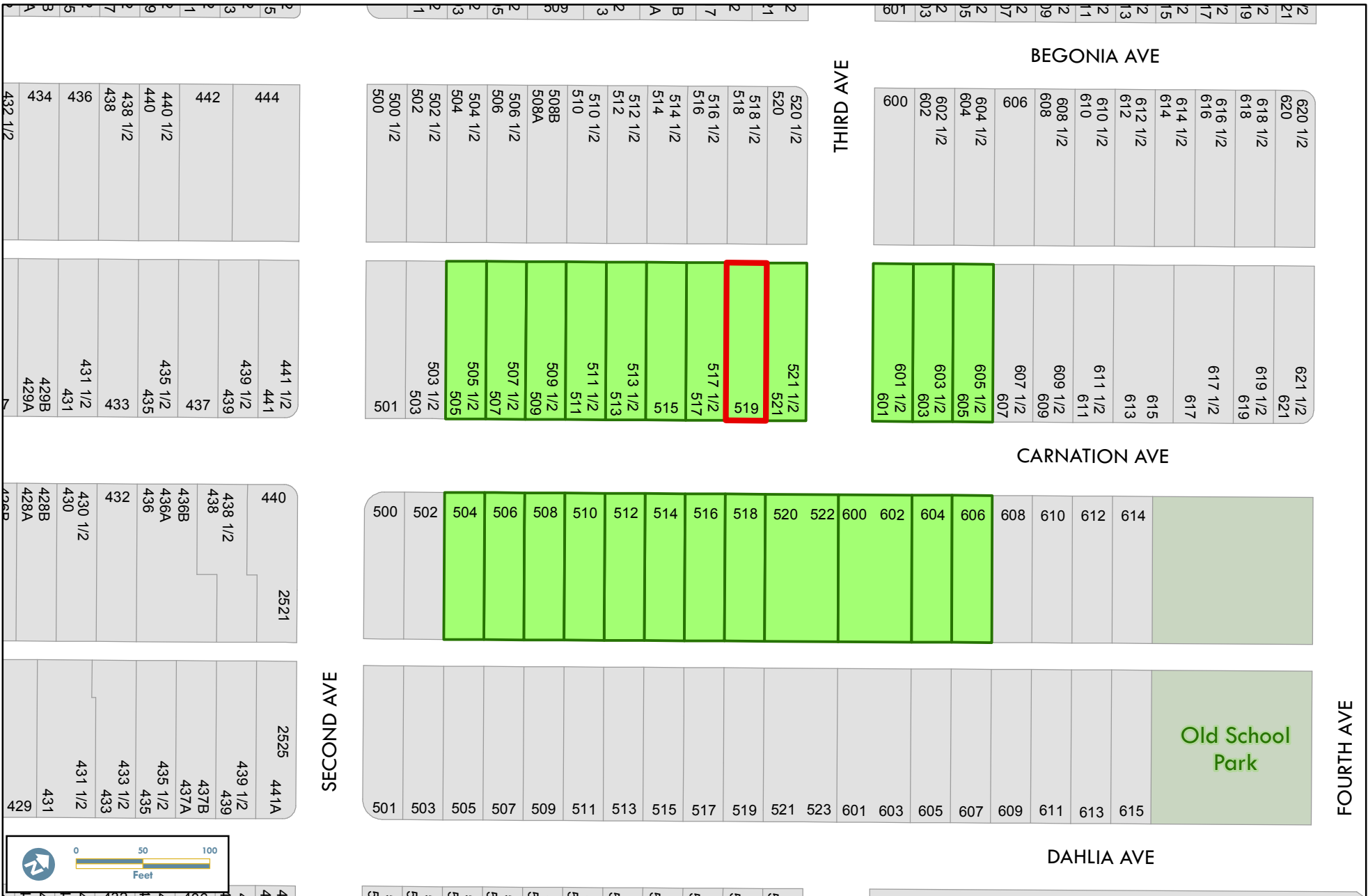
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Invoiced	32387	2018 - Grid 12 (Corona del Mar) - Broadleaves	GSTS	2/15/18	2/28/18	Grid Pruning	51.33
Invoiced	24117	2016 - Grid 12 (CDM) - Broadleaves	GSTS	2/22/16	2/29/16	Grid Pruning	49.43
Completed	74480	2014 - Grid 12 (CDM) - Revised	GSTS	3/19/14		Grid Pruning	48.00
Work History			WCA		11/14/13	Other	0.00
Work History			WCA		6/25/10	Other	0.00
Work History			WCA		9/18/07	Other	0.00
Work History			WCA		9/01/04	Other	0.00
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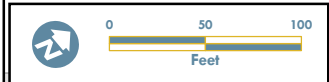


519 Carnation Ave

- 519 Carnation Ave
- Notified Properties



City of Newport Beach
GIS Division
February 16, 2021





City of Newport Beach: Trees Section – Tree Info Sheet Newport Purple-Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* ‘Newport’)

A very popular ornamental landscape tree, the Newport Plum is a medium-sized round-headed deciduous tree with a striking presence in the landscape. The tree boasts some of the darkest purple leaves and twigs leading to attractive red shades in the fall. Opening from deep pink buds in mid-spring, masses of fragrant, single, white to pale pink flowers create a terrific floral display. The tree performs best in full sun or part shade in moist, moderately fertile, well-drained soils.

Description

Has Deciduous foliage
Height: 10 to 15 feet
Spread: 10 to 15 feet
Crown uniformity:
Rounded shaped
Crown shape:
Erect or spreading with
low canopy
Growth rate:
24-36-inch per year





NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item VI-C
November 2, 2021

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

FROM: Micah Martin, Deputy Public Works Director, Municipal Operations
949 644-3055, mmartin@newportbeachca.gov

PREPARED BY: Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager
949 644-3069, kpekar@newportbeachca.gov

TITLE: Reforestation Request – Cliff Drive Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider approval of a reforestation request for a California Bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*) located at Cliff Drive Park. The applicants, Brion and Bonnie Jeannette, residing at 400 Santa Ana Ave meet the procedural requirements for reforestation established in City Council Policy G-1 – (Retention, Removal and Maintenance of City Trees). If approved by PB&R, there will be a one-for-one replacement tree, 36-inch box Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*), installed at the applicant's cost.

DISCUSSION:

On May 25, 2021, the applicant, Bonnie Jeannette contacted the Landscape Manager and City Arborist to discuss the removal of the California Bay tree located within Cliff Drive Park due to view obstruction. She explained her husband, Landscape Architect, Brion Jeanette, designed the Cliff Park landscape renovations in 2014. The original landscape plan called for the Bay tree to be removed. However, at the time of the renovation, the tree was only the size of a large bush. It was known that it would eventually grow to a height tall enough to block views of the bay; however, during the renovation, the tree was not removed. Over the years, the tree has grown tall enough to block views. Despite current best management practices for tree pruning, the tree is still obstructing views.

Staff inspected the tree and determined it is in good condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy. Mr. & Mrs. Jeanette were advised of the reforestation process as an option. They are willing to pay for the tree removal and a Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) 36-inch box replacement tree to be planted elsewhere within the park, at a lower elevation.

NOTICING:

Applicants Brion and Bonnie Jeannette and Mayor Brad Avery have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners (map attached) were notified via postcard of the PB&R Commission meeting related to this reforestation request. The tree was posted with information

regarding the reforestation request. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Reforestation Application

Attachment B - Tree Removal Report/Review

Attachment C - Map highlighting surrounding property owners notified of the PB&R Commission Meeting

Attachment D - Info Sheet – Crape Myrtle tree (*Lagerstroemia indica*)



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH Public Works Department

Municipal Operations Division

Tree Removal or Reforestation Application

Per City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees), I am **requesting** a tree removal(s) to be reviewed by staff and submitted to either the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission for consideration at a future meeting or the appropriate City approving authority. I am aware that Commission meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of each month (except for holidays) at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

1 - California BAY tree

Quantity and species, if known, of tree(s).

Cliff Drive View Park

Location of tree(s)

Please be as specific as possible

Requestor

- Property Owner
- Community Association
- Other _____

Address/ Phone (Daytime) / Email

400 Santa Ana Ave
Newport Beach
bjn bj2 @ yahoo . com (949) 560 - 3804
or - bonniej@BJA-inc.com

Signature: Bonnie J Jeannette
 BRION &
 Print Name: Bonnie Jeannette

Date: 6-3-21 949-645-5854
 XT 211

REFORESTATION REQUESTS: Please proceed to Section B.

Section A. For Tree Removal Requests Only

Removal Criteria (Check one or more)

Please provide copies of photos, bills, documents or any other related material that will verify the checked items.

- Proven and repeated history of **damaging** public or *private, sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities or foundations. (*Greater than \$500)
- Repeated history of significant interference** with street or sidewalk drainage.
- Dying** Has no prospect of recovery.
- Diseased** Cannot be cured by current arboricultural methods. In advanced state of decline with no prospect of recovery.
- Hazardous** Defective, potential to fail, could cause damage to persons/property upon failure. Assessment by City Arborist will identify structural defects, parts likely to fail, targets-if fails, procedures and actions to abate.
- Beautification Project** In conjunction with a City Council-approved City, commercial, neighborhood, or community association beautification program.

Section B. For Reforestation Requests Only

Reforestation is the concept of systematically replacing Problem or All Other Trees which are creating hardscape and/or view problems and cannot be properly trimmed, pruned or modified to alleviate the problem(s) they create, or those which have reached their full life, and are declining in health, or are simply the wrong species of tree(s) for the planted location.

As initiated by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property Owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Check all items applicable:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree(s) causing curb, gutter, sidewalk or underground utilities damage.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wrong tree species for location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	View encroachment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Area has clearly defined contiguous boundaries that include the tree(s) proposed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Residential communities, neighborhoods, or business organizations who apply for reforestation must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of the property owners within the area defined.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas represented by a legally established community association, may submit a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting a reforestation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Individual property owners must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private properties on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation site) as well as the endorsement of the appropriate homeowners' association, if applicable.

*A request for reforestation requires a written agreement submitted to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission by the petitioning sponsor (Individual private property owner(s) or group) to pay 100% of the costs of the removal and replacement of the public tree(s) in advance of any removal activity. The actual removal and replanting will be coordinated by the Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division using the City tree maintenance contractor.

*There shall be a minimum of a one-for-one replacement of all tree(s) removed in reforestation projects. Replacement tree(s) shall be a minimum size of 36" boxed tree and cost ranges from \$706 to \$910, unless the parkway space will not accommodate a 36" boxed tree or a tree cannot be planted due to planting restrictions contained in City Council Policy G-6.

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REQUESTOR COMMENTS: This California Bay tree was designated for removal when the park was renovated in 2014 according to landscape plans created by Brian Jeannette, Architect. This tree was identified as a "Problem Tree" because of its potential to block public views from the view benches installed & paid for by the neighbors to enjoy views of the bay and ocean beyond.

Removals, except emergency, will be subject to the notification processes, time frames and authority as specified in the City Council G-1 Policy.



Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division

TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Name: Bonnie Jeanette

Location(s) of tree(s): 2 Cliff Drive Park / Park 66

Request: The applicant contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of the City-owned California Bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*) located within 2 Cliff Drive Park.

Botanical/Common Names: *Umbellularia californica* / California Bay

Estimated Tree Value: \$3,260.00

Replacement Street Tree: Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)


Damage: N/A

Parkway: Concrete Brick Turf Other (X)

Comments:

Mrs. Bonnie Jeannette contacted the Landscape Manager and the City Arborist to discuss the removal of the California Bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*) located within Cliff Drive Park. She stated that her husband, Landscape Architect, Brion Jeanette, designed the Park's landscape renovations in 2014. The original landscape plant called for the Bay tree to be removed. At the time of the renovation, it was only the size of a large bush, but was known that it would eventually grow to a height tall enough to block views of the bay. However, during the execution of the renovation, the tree was not removed. Over the years, the tree has grown tall enough to block views and current best management practices for tree pruning have not been able to restore the view.

A field inspection determined the California Bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*) is in good condition and does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy. The applicant is willing to pay for the tree removal and a Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) 36-inch box replacement tree.

Inspected by: 
John J. Nelson, City Arborist

Date: October 14, 2021

Recommendation: Staff is denying the removal request of the California Bay tree and has advised Mr. & Mrs. Jeanette of the appeal process.

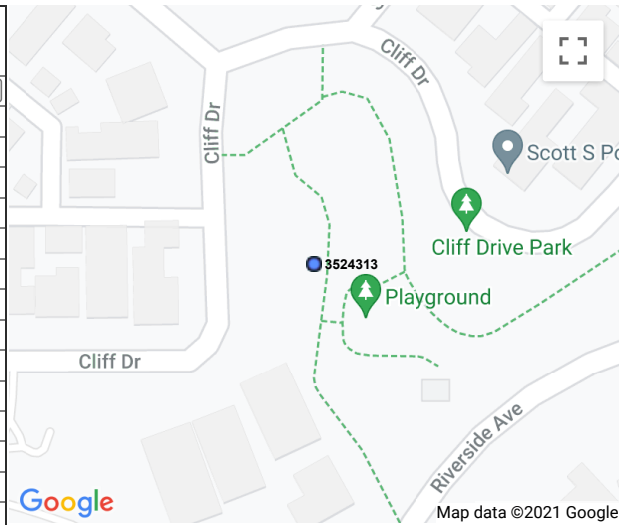
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Date: October 14, 2021

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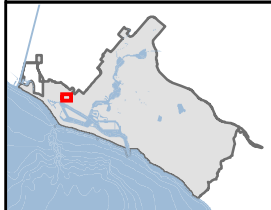
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Side/Site	Park - 66			
Alt Address				
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Common Name	California Bay			
Size	13-18			
Height	30-45			
DBH				
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Next Date				



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Cliff Drive Park

- Tree ID: 3524316
- Buffer 500'
- Notified Properties



City of Newport Beach
GIS Division
June 23, 2021



City of Newport Beach: Trees Section – Tree Info Sheet

Crape Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica* spp.)

Crape Myrtle is a commonly used single or multi-trunk tree, effective as a flowering or foliage accent. It blooms best in full sun, when it receives moderate moisture. It has handsome peeled bark and a colorful summer bloom. It is characterized by an exceptionally fast growth rate that is unequalled. Flowers are light lavender and very prolific, with an unusually long blooming period lasting up to 120 days. Foliage shows excellent vigor with glossy green leaves that are capable of turning bright red in autumn. Exfoliating bark is an attractive shiny light gray to tan color.

Description:

Has deciduous foliage

Height: 20 to 25 feet

Spread: 15 to 25 feet

Crown shape:

Erect or Spreading with
a Low Canopy

Rounded, Spreading
or Vase Shape

Growth rate:

12 to 24-inch per year

