AGENDA SIERRA MADRE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2011 7:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.



Jeff Hall, Chair Kathleen Blanchard, Vice Chair Caroline Brown, Commissioner Bryan Horsman, Commissioner Jeffrey Monohan, Commissioner Bill Robinson, Commissioner Ilona Volkmann, Commissioner

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works Liz Cowan, Administrative Intern

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Hall/Director Inman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A Commissioner shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Majority vote of the Commission to proceed with City business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the Tree Advisory

Commission meeting of May 18, 2011.

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Brief reports of any conferences attended, individual Commissioner activities, or City staff activities relating to Tree Commission business occurring since

the last Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Tree Advisory Commission is prohibited from taking action on items not on the agenda, but the matter may be referred to staff or to a subsequent meeting. Each speaker for Public Comment will be limited to five (5) continuous minutes, which may not be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate Tree Advisory Commission action.

ACTION ITEMS¹

1. COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

The commission will accept nominations and select a chair and vice-chair.

2. GENERAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION The Commission will discuss alterations to the Tree Preservation section of the most recent edition of the General Plan and recommend changes to the General Plan Steering Committee.

- 3. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
- a.) Southwest corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sierra Place; Review a construction project adjacent to two Coast Live Oaks *Quercus agrifolia*. Make recommendations of protection measures for protected tree to remain on property and provide mitigation contingencies.

4. APPEALS

- a.) 260 S. Mountain Trail Ave.; Review an appeal of the Commission's recommendation to plant a California Sycamore in the parkway.
- 5. TRIMMING, REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT REQUESTS
- a.) 434-464 Mariposa Ave.; Review a request to replace American Sweetgum *Liquidambar* trees, which were removed last December, in the parkway. Commission may determine the replacement species and quantity.
- b.) 601 Ramona Ave., Front #1; Review a request to substantially trim a Chinese Elm *Ulmus parvifolia* in the parkway. Commission may authorize substantial trimming.
- c.) 666 Ramona Ave., Front #1; Review a request to check the health and condition of a Red Gum *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- **d.) 647 Manzanita Ave., Front #2;** Review a request to check the health and condition of an Olive *Olea europaea* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

- e.) 193 Ramona Ave., Front #2; Review a request to check the health and condition of a Jacaranda *Jacaranda mimosifolia* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- f.) 161 Lowell Ave.; Review a request for replacement of trees removed in 2010. Commission may determine the replacement species.
- g.) 501 W. Highland Ave., Front #1 & 2; Review a request to remove and replace two Canary Island Pine *Pinus canariensis* parkway trees. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- 6. WATCHLIST REVIEW
- a.) 215 Manzanita Ave., #1; Review the health and condition of a Carrotwood Cupaniopsis anacardioides tree located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal substantial trimming and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- **b.) 71 E. Alegria Ave., #1;** Review the health and condition of a Bottle Tree *Brachychiton populneus* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- c.) 465 N. Baldwin Ave., #1; Review the health and condition of a Silk Oak *Grevillea robusta* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

- d.) 200 W. Grand View Ave., #1; Review the health and condition of a Coast Live Oak *Quercus agrifolia* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- e.) 106 N. Hermosa Ave., #1; Review the health and condition of a Red Flowering Gum *Eucalyptus ficifolia* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

7. LARGE TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS

Commissioners may suggest new planting locations they have found after making contact with the property owners and found them to be receptive to a tree planting. Specific sites will be agendized for approval at future meetings following introduction at this agenda item.

8. STREET TREE PALETTE REVIEW

The Commission will review the current list of street trees and the frequency with which they are found in the City, and will discuss the process of adding new trees to the Street Palette.

The Commission will discuss the addition or removal of the following species from the Street Palette:

Flowering Cherry Prunus serrulata 'Beni Hoshi' Ornamental Pear Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat' Pink Trumpet Tree Tabebuia avellanedae Golden Trumpet Tree Tabebuia chrysotricha Brisbane Box Tristania conferta California Laurel Umbellularia californica

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners shall report on any Subcommittee-related activity that has taken place since the May 18, 2011, meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The Commission may request staff to agendize items for future meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The TAC will adjourn to its next regular meeting, to be held on July 20, 2011, at 7:00 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

PUBLIC HEARING

The appellant and/or applicant will each be provided a total of ten (10) minutes to address their item. A portion of their allotted time may be reserved for rebuttal or a summary conclusion at the close of public comment. All other speakers will be limited to a total of three (3) continuous minutes, which cannot be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate Tree Advisory Commission action.

¹ACTION ITEMS

The Tree Advisory Commission will consider such matters, including action to approve, conditionally approve, reject, or continue such item. Further information on each item may be procured from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

LIVE BROADCASTS

Regular Tree Advisory Commission meetings are not broadcasted on Cable Channel 3. As a courtesy to others, we ask that cellular phones be turned off during the meeting.

MEETING ASSISTANCE

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