AGENDA SIERRA MADRE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2012 7:00 PM

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



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

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Blanchard/Director Inman

A Commissioner shall lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Majority vote of the Commission to proceed with City business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the Tree Advisory Commission meeting of February 21, 2012.

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. DISCUSSION OF GOALS FOR TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Commission will discuss proposed changes to the current Ordinance.

- 2. ARBOR DAY DISCUSSION
- 3. KERSTING COURT
 TREE REPLACEMENT
 DISCUSSION
- 4. TRIMMING, REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT REQUESTS

The Commission will discuss and approve Arbor Day activities.

The Commission will discuss and approve a selection of replacement trees for the Kersting Ct. Park.

- **a.)** 177 Merrill Ave., Front #1; Review a request from a resident to remove an American Sweetgum *Liquidambar stryciflua* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- b.) 315 Grove St., Front #1; Review a request from a resident to trim 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.
- **c.) 135 E. Laurel Ave., Front #1;** Review a request from a resident to replace a Camphor *Cinnamomum camphora* located in the parkway. Commission may determine the replacement species.
- **d.) 126 E. Laurel Ave., Front #1;** Review a request from a resident to replace a Maidenhair Tree *Ginkgo biloba* located in the parkway. Commission may determine the replacement species.
- e.) 155 S. Lima St., Front #1; Review a request from a resident to remove a Swamp Mahogany *Eucalyptus robusta* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

- f.) 165 S. Lima St., Front #1-2; Review a request from a resident to remove two (2) Swamp Mahogany *Eucalyptus robusta* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- g.) 101 S. Lima St., Front #2; Review a request from staff to remove a White Mulberry *Morus alba* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- h.) 165 N. Sunnyside Ave., Front #1-2; Review a request from a resident to remove a Chinaberry Melia azedarach and an American Sweetgum Liquidambar stryciflua located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- i.) 93 N. Baldwin Ave., (Highland) Side #9; Review a request from Bethany School to check the health and condition and trim or remove an Indian Laurel Fig Ficus microcarpa 'Nitidia' located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- **j.) 169 N. Baldwin Ave., Front #2;** Review a request to check the health and condition and to trim a London Plane *Platanus acerfolia* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize substantial trimming.
- 5. WATCHLIST REVIEW
- a.) 86 N. Lima St., Front #1-2; Review the health and condition of two (2) Italian Stone Pines *Pinus pinea* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

6. LARGE TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS

Commissioners will review the Olive Ave. Large Tree planting location plan brought by the subcommittee.

7. 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 adding new trees to the Street Palette:

Madrone Arbutus menziesii

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners shall report on any Subcommittee-related activity that has taken place since the February 21, 2012, meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

The TAC will adjourn to its next regular meeting, to be held on April 18, 2012, 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

The City Hall Council Chamber is physically accessible and assistive listening devices are available at the meeting. If you require special assistance to participate in this meeting, please call the Director of Public Works' office at (626) 355-7135 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.