AGENDA SIERRA MADRE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, June 20, 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 James Carlson, Management Analyst

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Blanchard/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 16, 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 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TREE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT The Commission will discuss proposed changes to the current Ordinance.

2. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- 3. TRIMMING, REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT REQUESTS
- a.) 670 Alta Vista Dr.; Review a construction project in the proximity of seven (7) Coast Live Oak Quercus agrifolia and one (1) Engelmann Oak Quercus engelmannii onsite and one (1) Coast Live Oak Quercus agrifolia offsite. Make recommendations of protective measures for protected trees to remain on property and provide mitigation contingencies for trees that may be damaged or removed.
- a.) 715 E. Grand View Ave., Front #1; Review the request to check the health and condition of a Coast Live Oak *Quercus agrifolia* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize substantial trimming.
- **b.) 571 Ramona Ave, Side #1-2;** Review the request to check the health and condition of a Mexican Fan Palm *Washingtonia robusta* (Side #1) and a Silk Floss *Chorisia speciosa* (Side #2) located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.
- c.) 33 W. Mira Monte Ave., Front #1; Review the request from a resident to substantially trim or remove a Camphor *Cinnamomum camphora* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized. (Continued from previous meeting).
- d.) 269 E. Grand View Ave., Front #2; Review the request to remove a Windmill Palm *Trachycarpus fortunei* from the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.

- e.) South Baldwin Public Parking Lot (South of Taylor's Market), Front #1; Review the request substantially trim the Indian Laurel Fig Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida' in the parkway. Commission may authorize substantial trimming.
- f.) 501 Grove St., Front #2; Review the request to remove a Blue Gum *Eucalyptus globulus* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.
- g.) 492 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Front #2; Review the request to check 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, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.
- h.) 274 Mariposa Ave., Review the request to plant a tree in the parkway. Commission may determine the species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if approved.
- i.) Mariposa Parking Lot (north end, behind Tropical Nails Spa); Consider replacing tree that is missing from planter. Commission may determine the species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if approved.
- j.) 275 W. Montecito Ave. Front #1; Review the request to remove a dead Jacaranda Jacaranda mimosifolia located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.

k.) 42 W. Mira Monte Ave. Front #1 Review the request to remove a dead Jacaranda Jacaranda mimosifolia located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.

4. WATCHLIST REVIEW

- a.) 168 W. Montecito Ave. Front #1; Review 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, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.
- **b.) 318 W. Montecito Ave;** Review the health and condition of a Camphor *Cinnamomum camphora* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.
- c.) 391 E. Highland Ave; Review the health and condition of a Camphor *Cinnamomum camphora* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal, and determine the replacement species, quantity, and location of planting(s) if removal is authorized.

5. 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.

6. STREET TREE
PALETTE REVIEW

The Commission may review the current list of street trees and the frequency with which they are found in the City, and may discuss agendizing adding or removing trees to the Street Palette at a future meeting.

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners shall report on any Subcommittee-related activity that has taken place since the May 16, 2012, meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The TAC will adjourn to its next regular meeting, to be held on July 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.