AGENDA SIERRA MADRE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2011 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 Bill Robinson, Commissioner Ilona Volkmann, Commissioner Vacant, Commissioner

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

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 July 20, 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.

- ❖ Trees affected by Street Water Main Project
- ❖ Park House Project
- * Releaf Grant

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. 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 approve recommended changes to send to the General Plan Steering Committee.

2. 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.
- b.) 400 E. Highland Ave.; Review a construction project concerning three Coast Live Oaks *Quercus agrifolia*. Make recommendations of protection measures for protected tree to remain on property and provide mitigation contingencies.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR
- a.) 126 E. Laurel Ave., Front #1; Maidenhair Tree Ginkgo biloba
- b.) 211 Ramona Ave., Front #1; Deodar Cedar Cedrus deodara

4. APPEALS

- a.) 30 Olive Ave., Side #2; Review an appeal from original applicant of the Commission decision to deny removal and replacement of a Blue Gum *Eucalyptus globulus* located in the parkway at the July 2011 meeting. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species if removal is authorized.
- 5. TRIMMING, REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT REQUESTS
- a.) 267 W. Montecito Ave., Front #1&2; Review a request from resident to check the health and condition and to trim a Camphor Tree Cinnamomum camphora and a Jacaranda Jacaranda mimosifolia located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal and substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

- **b.)113 S. Hermosa Ave., Front #2;** Review a request from resident to remove and replace or 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.) 234 N. Lima St., Front #2; Review a request from resident to remove 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
- d.) 86 N. Lima St., Front #1-2; Review a request from resident to remove two 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.
- e.) 472 Santa Anita Ct., Front #1; Review a request from resident to check the health and condition of an Engelmann Oak *Quercus engelmannii* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- f.) 79 E. Highland Ave., Front #2; Review a request from resident to 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.

- g.) 61 W. Highland Ave.; Review a request from resident to trim an Indian Laurel Fig Ficus microcarpa 'Nitidia' located in the parkway. Commission may authorize substantial trimming.
- h.) Sycamore Southeast of Hart Park House in Memorial Park; Review a request from staff to remove and replace a Western Sycamore *Platanus* Racemosa located in the park. Commission may authorize removal and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- i.) City Hall parking lot by Southwest Tennis Court; Review a request from staff to check the health and condition of an Italian Cypress Cupressus sempervirens located in the parking lot. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Commissioners shall report on any Subcommittee-related activity that has taken place since the July 20, 2011, meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

The TAC will adjourn to its next regular meeting, to be determined whether held on October 19, 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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