

**AGENDA
SIERRA MADRE TREE
ADVISORY COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 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

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 January 18, 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. LOS ANGELES
COUNTY
COMPETITIVE TREE
GRANT**

The Commission will discuss the feasibility of the City's participation in the grant seeking process.

2. CALFIRE GRANT

The Commission will discuss and approve participation requirements and a timeline for the Community Forest Management Plan in order to complete the application for the CALFIRE grant.

3. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

a.) **0 Mariposa Ave., between 220 and 232 Mariposa Ave.;** Review a construction project concerning three Coast Live Oaks *Quercus agrifolia*. Make recommendations of protective measures for protected trees to remain on property and provide mitigation recommendations regarding the trees that will be removed.

b.) **Southwest corner of Sierra Madre Blvd. and Sierra Place;** Review a construction project adjacent to two Coast Live Oaks *Quercus agrifolia*. Make recommendations of protective measures for protected trees to remain on or adjacent to property and provide mitigation contingencies.

4. TRIMMING, REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT REQUESTS

a.) **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.

b.) **161 Adams St., Side #1;** Review a request from a resident to trim an Indian Laurel Fig *Ficus microcarpa 'Nitidia'* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize substantial trimming.

- c.) **315 Grove St., Front #1;** Review a request from a resident to remove 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.
- d.) **593 Ramona Ave., Front #1;** Review a request from a resident to replace an Engelmann Oak *Quercus engelmannii* located in the parkway that was damaged and removed due to the December 1, 2011 Windstorm. Commission may determine the replacement species.
- e.) **6 E. Highland Ave., Front #1;** Review a request from a resident to check the health and condition and trim or remove a Flaxleaf Paperbark *Melaleuca linariifolia* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- f.) **177 Merrill Ave., Front #2;** Review a request from a resident to check the health and condition and trim an American Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.
- g.) **367 N. Lima St., Front #2;** Review a request from a resident to check the health and condition of an Italian Cypress *Cupressus sempervirens* located in the parkway. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

h.) **Sierra Vista Park, Heasley Field;** Review a request from staff to check the health and condition of a Bottle Tree *Brachychiton populneus* located in the park. Commission may authorize removal or substantial trimming, and determine the replacement species and quantity if removal is authorized.

5. **LARGE TREE
PLANTING
LOCATIONS**

Commissioners will discuss the Olive Ave. Large Tree Planting Location plan brought by the subcommittee.

6. **STREET TREE
PALETTE REVIEW**

The Commission will discuss the addition of new trees to the Street Palette: Cork Oak and Black Oak.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORTS**

The Commissioners shall report on any Subcommittee-related activity that has taken place since the January 18, 2012, meeting.

8. **NEW BUSINESS AND
ITEMS FOR FUTURE
AGENDAS**

The Commission may request staff to agendize items for future meetings.
Discussion of Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The TAC will adjourn to its special meeting, to be held on February 21, 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.

ACTION 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.