

Recently the OB community was fortunate to learn of a local resident who had knowledge of the trees planted decades ago along Saratoga Avenue in Ocean Beach. Mrs. Maryolive Shoupe, a lifetime resident of OB, remembers her father, Mr. Cobb, planting several of the trees in the early 1920s. She narrated that story in an interview conducted with a local biologist, Renee Owens. A link to that interview is provided here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGuOhTITeAQ>

Coastal communities that are fortunate to have Torrey Pines in their midst treasure them for their unique history. Even before the 2016 removal of three of the mature trees along Saratoga Avenue, the Saratoga Ave. Torrey pines came under threat of removal as a result of buckled sidewalks. Again, strenuous efforts and citizen pressure were made by the community to preserve the trees. The City replaced the broken pavement sections and metal grates were put in place to allow for flexibility in both the earth and tree movement.

Other southern California communities have also recognized the value of these significant trees and have been successful in preserving them. Within the City of Del Mar, the Torrey Pine is protected by law, having become their "Heritage" tree. Within Coronado, Torrey pines on public property have been identified in their Master Tree Inventory and have also been designated as Heritage Trees. The world's largest Torrey Pine tree resides in Carpinteria, CA, and was declared that City's first official landmark in 1968. The tree is said to have been planted in 1888 from a Santa Rosa Island seedling and measures 136' tall with a 20'5" circumference and 130' branch spread.

San Diego honors the Torrey pines as iconic landmarks as they provide extraordinary scenic views and tourists come from all over the world to see them. The OB Community Plan specifically addresses these trees in the Conservation Element (Section 7). The Plan states that Torrey pines and other rare trees "*should be preserved throughout the community. New development should incorporate the Torrey pine as a street tree along Saratoga Avenue to continue the existing character of the street*".

Summary

Under the City's Draft Urban Forestry Management Plan, trees are managed by the City under five departments- Transportation and Stormwater, Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, Planning, and Economic Development. Looking at the allocation of funds toward this effort over the last ten years (Appendix A) suggest that tree preservation has not been prioritized. Looking at the timeline for completion of the updated City Tree Inventory (projected as 2019), and incorporation of the designation of heritage/special trees into the Plan, as well as the timeline for approval by the City council, the community is concerned that more of these heritage trees could be removed or damaged before they become fully protected.

Towards that, we formally request that the enclosed tree nominations (see Table 1) be moved through the eligibility process and we urge that the City expedite this process of designation.

TABLE 1 PROPOSED HERITAGE TREE NOMINATIONS FOR OCEAN BEACH PUBLIC TORREY PINE TREES				
Address	Approximate Girth (feet)	Approximate Height (feet)	Age	Nomination*
4633 Long Branch	5	80	Unknown	L, H
4690 Greene St	5	80	Unknown	L, H
4605 #1 Saratoga	3	70	Early 1920s	L, H, G
4605 #2 Saratoga	4	70	Early 1920s	L, H, P, G
4611 Saratoga	7-8	80	Early 1920s	L, H, P, G
4649 Saratoga	2-3	70	Early 1920s	L, H, P, G
4651 Saratoga	2-3	70	Early 1920s	L, H, P, G
4570 Saratoga	4-5	70	Unknown	L, H
*L=Landmark, H=Heritage, P=Parkway, G=Grove				

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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CONSERVE-A-TREE NOMINATION FORM



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PARKWAY RESOURCE TREE

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To: **COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Date: September 14, 2016

From (your name): Kris Schlech

Organization: Save Peninsula Trees

Address: 4649 Voltaire St #15

San Diego, CA 92107

Phone: 619 299-1757

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TYPE OF NOMINATION:

☒ **LANDMARK TREE**

☒ **HERITAGE TREE**

☐ **PARKWAY RESOURCE TREES**

☐ **PRESERVATION GROVE**

Species: Pinus torreyana

Location & Nearest Cross Street: 4633

Long Branch, Ocean Beach

Estimated Height: approximately 80'

Estimated Width: approx 5'

Condition: healthy

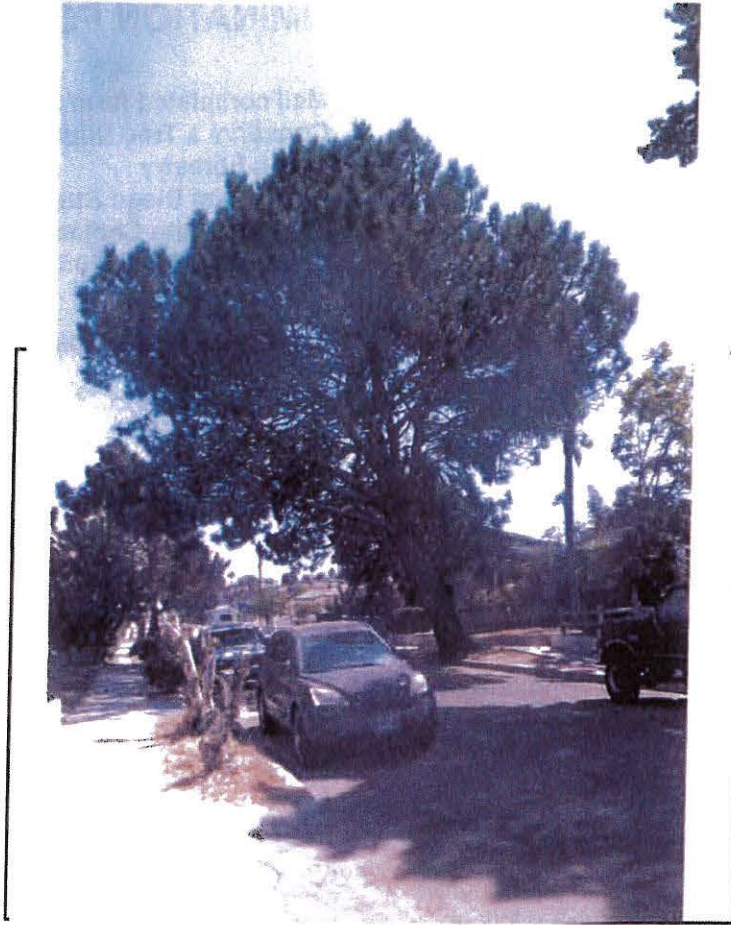
Estimated Planting Date: early 1900s

Specific proof of age may be difficult to determine, but estimates based on the age of surrounding development or the size of tree are adequate.

HISTORY AND NOTES

Include any history or notes you have about this tree or these trees

Tree in front of 4633 Long Branch Street . The trees have a girth at dbh of ca. 4-5', and an approximate height of 80 feet. Please refer to attached cover letter for additional information.



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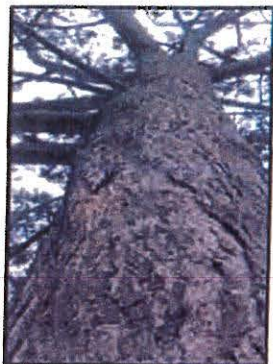
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Species: Pinus torreyana

Location & Nearest Cross Street: 4690
Greene St. w/ Ebers, OB

Estimated Height: approximately 80'

Estimated Width: approx 5'

Condition: healthy

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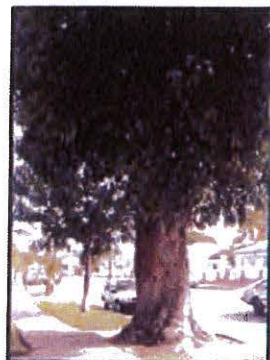
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Species: Pinus torreyana

Location & Nearest Cross Street: 4605

Saratoga Ave #2 w/ Froude, OB

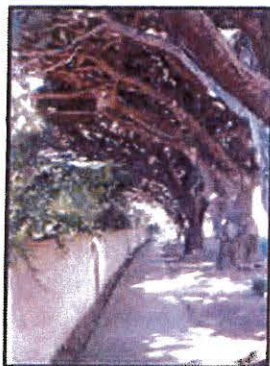
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Estimated Width: between 3'-4'

Condition: healthy

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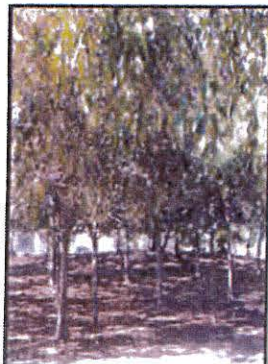
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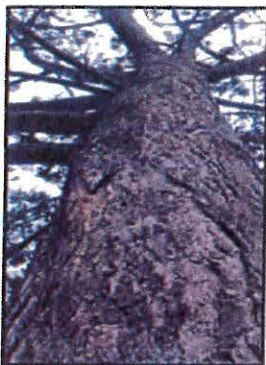
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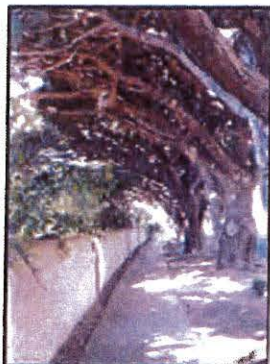
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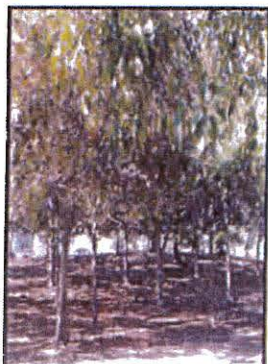
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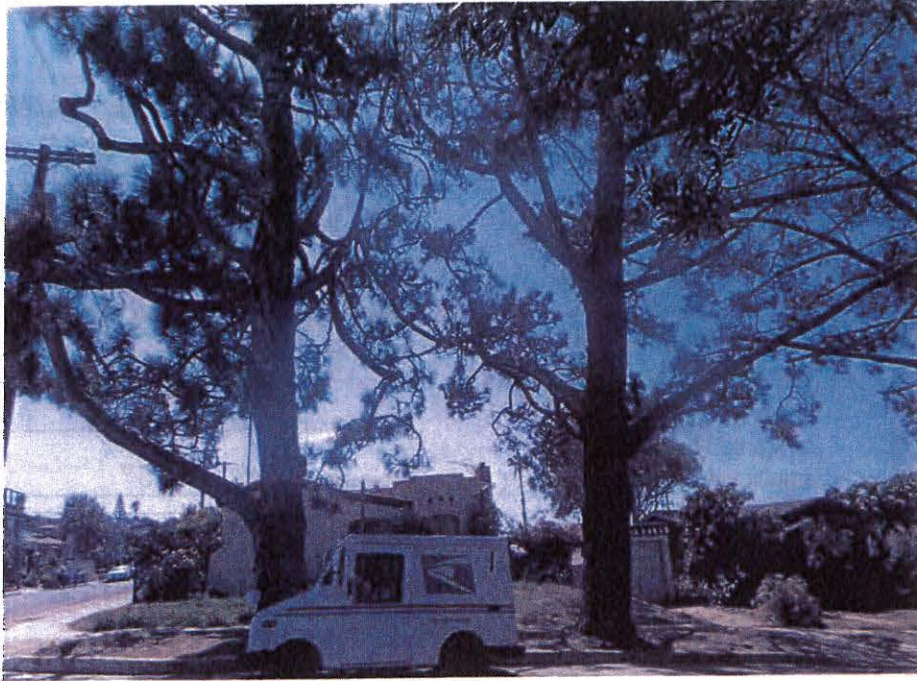
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