



**Community Forest Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday October 12, 2016 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**  
**202 C Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Diego, Ca 92101 Room A**

**Agenda**

**Call to Order – Chair**

1. **Approval of the September meeting minutes** – there was no quorum at last month's meeting, therefore there are no minutes to approve
2. **Chair's Announcements and Updates** – 5 minutes
3. **Action Items**
  - a. Final Input for Midway-Pacific Highway Draft Community Plan Update and Midway-Pacific Highway Urban Greening Plan (Vicky White)
  - b. Initial input for Old Town San Diego Draft Community Plan Update (Vicky White)
  - c. Conserve-A-Tree nominations (see attached letters)
    1. 5932 Bounty – Afrocarpus - Parkway Resource
    2. 1330 Tourmaline St. – Canary Island Pine – Landmark/Heritage
    3. Ocean Beach – Torrey Pines – Landmark/Heritage/Preservation Grove (8 trees)
  - d. Recommendation that Urban Forestry Program Five Year Plan be forwarded to City Council for adoption ( Jeremy Barrick)
4. **City Staff Reports** – 5 minutes each
  - a. Update on Urban Forest Management and Calfire Grant projects (Jeremy Barrick, Lesley Henegar, Sergio Arias)
  - b. Status of replacement California pepper tree planting on Juan Street (Jeremy Barrick)
5. **Discussion**
  - a. Urban Tree Canopy Assessment Workshop Follow-up
  - b. Status of nominations for Board positions
6. **Other Reports** – 5 minutes each
  - a. Tree San Diego, including development of Tree Steward program
  - b. San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Next Regular Meeting** – The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and the next meeting will be November 9, 2016

For more information or alternative format please contact Lesley Henegar at (619) 235-5208 or [lhenegar@sandiego.gov](mailto:lhenegar@sandiego.gov). Previously approved meeting minutes and the information about the Community Forest Advisory Board are available on the City's web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/boardcomm/cfab.shtml>



## CONSERVE-A-TREE NOMINATION FORM



### LANDMARK TREE

Striking or unusual trees with high aesthetic value, features may include:

- Large for the species
- Special or unusual form
- Interesting flowers or branching pattern
- Species rare to its location



### HERITAGE TREE

Significant for its age or historical value, including:

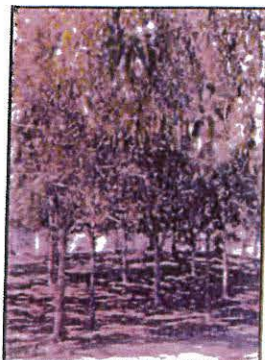
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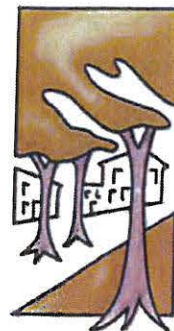
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- 6 or more trees with trunks within 100 feet of each other
- Same or similar species and form
- Native, naturalized or endemic and surviving without intervention

Mail completed form to:

Conserve a Tree Nomination  
Urban Forestry  
City of San Diego Street Div  
2781 Caminito Chollas  
San Diego, CA 92105



To: **COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Date: 9/29/16

From (your name): Vince Mikulanis

Organization: CFAB / SDRUFC / WCISA

Address: 5932 Bounty St  
San Diego, CA 92123

Phone: 619 921-2746

E-mail: vince.mikulanis@Davey.com

### TYPE OF NOMINATION:

☐ LANDMARK TREE

☐ HERITAGE TREE

☒ PARKWAY RESOURCE TREES

☐ PRESERVATION GROVE

Species: Podocarpus (Afrocarpus) gracilior

Location & Nearest Cross Street: Waring Rd  
From Zion Ave to Navajo rd

Estimated Height: 25-45ft

Estimated Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition: varies

Estimated Planting Date: early 1990's

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

These trees were part of the original plantings for the now defunct People For Trees. They frame the corridor of Waring rd from Zion ave to Navajo rd.

Some of the trees have negatively impacted the sidewalks and as the City moves forward with its infrastructure improvement program we need to ensure that this significant resource in Allied Gardens is protected. I have also noticed several homeowners hiring inexperienced contractors to cut the trees in such a manner that it will negatively impact their long term health. This is an approximate 25yr old urban forest resource that is generally in good health, however needs any protection this designation may afford it.

Please see attached for photos and additional information from People For Trees as provided by Nancy Hughes, Executive director of the California Urban Forests Council.



Please attach photo here

For the above tree(s) to be considered for designation as protected, this request has been forwarded to Street Division. The tree(s) will be inspected by the Street Division Urban Forester to make sure all designation criteria are met. If they meet all criteria, the request will be forwarded to the Community Forest Advisory Board (CFAB) for evaluation and possibly protected status.

**Requested Action:** Street Division requests that a Community Forest Advisory Board Arborist evaluate the nominated tree for confirmation. If the nomination is approved by CFAB, the tree will be added to the City of San Diego's Tree Protection Status as described in the Tree Protection Policy adopted by City Council in May, 2005.

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City of San Diego Street Division  
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San Diego, CA 92105

Or you can FAX the form to: 619 527-7534,  
Attn: Drew Potocki

**CLEAR FORM**

Finally! Fuzzy memories as this was the early 90's! Hope this helps...Nancy

From Mark Wisniewski:

PFT did more than one planting and we also did a tree pruning on the first trees we planted with the Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego and the community members.

We also did another nearby project that spilled over to Waring Road and that was an oak tree planting on a large lot adjacent to the road. David Reed was the L.A. and lead on that one.

From Tom Story:

If I recall correctly, and this is a highly suspect assumption, there were three distinct tree planting efforts along Waring Rd.

Each project had a requirement that the property owner who wanted trees in front of their house had to agree to pay for ½ of the cost of the 15 gallon trees and while not required, they were encouraged to participate in the PFT organized community planting event. I think that each of the three tree plantings averaged between 50-70 Podocarpus gracilior (Fern Pines) trees.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> planting we had Urban Corp help and they made a huge difference in being able to get all the trees in the ground without requiring some volunteers staying until late afternoon.

I think the first planting was with a state dept. of forestry grant and the later 1 or 2 planting might have been with CDBG grants.









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To: **COMMUNITY FOREST ADVISORY BOARD**

Date: 9.26.2016

From (your name): Virginia S. Patch

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 1330 Tourmaline St.  
San Diego CA 92109-1915

Phone: 858-488-6427

E-mail: vspatch@san.sd.com

### TYPE OF NOMINATION:

- ☒ LANDMARK TREE *and/or*
- ☒ HERITAGE TREE
- ☐ PARKWAY RESOURCE TREES
- ☐ PRESERVATION GROVE

Species: Pinus canariensis

Location & Nearest Cross Street: \_\_\_\_\_

1330 Tourmaline St. / Farnum St.

Estimated Height: 90'

Estimated Width: 42' 8' dia.

Condition: excellent

Estimated Planting Date: 1960 (about same as building)

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.

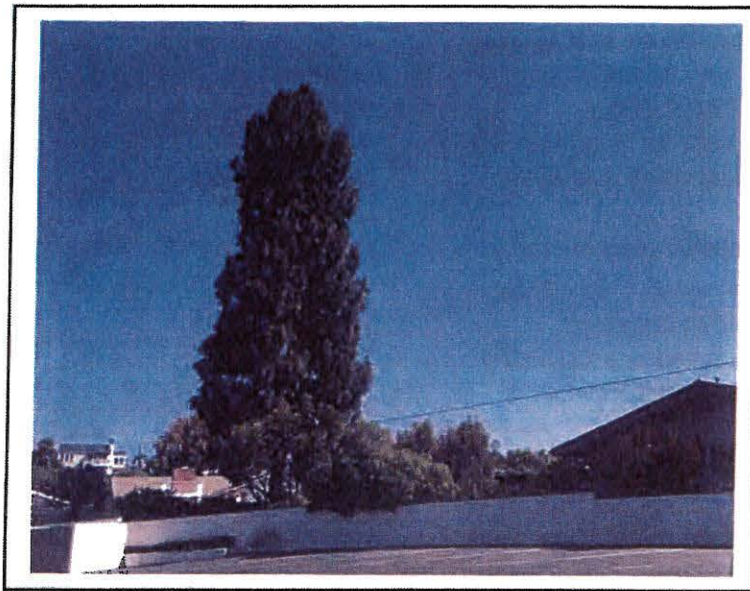


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This beautiful specimen Canary Island Pine tree has graced the back of our yard as long as we have owned our Pacific Beach home, pictured at left - 43 years. We assume the tree was planted when the house was built in 1960, making it 56 years old.

The tree has had attention by arborists over the years. Most recently, One Tripp Tree Service has proudly maintained it every year or two since 2008.



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**CLEAR FORM**



September 26, 2016

Mr. Jeremy Barrick, Urban Forester  
Conserve a Tree Nomination  
Urban Forestry  
2781 Caminito Chollas  
San Diego, CA 92105

**Re: Tree Nominations for the Heritage Tree Program**

Dear Mr. Barrick:

The concerned citizens of Ocean Beach would like to submit the enclosed nomination forms for several Torrey pine trees (*Pinus torreyana*) located in Ocean Beach (OB), California. As a result of the recent loss of three mature Torrey pines along Saratoga Avenue, the OB community has now identified several remaining Torrey pines (Table 1) in the District and would like to nominate these trees for the City of San Diego's (City) Heritage Tree Program (Program). Our understanding is that once the trees have been deemed eligible for the Program, they will be afforded additional assessment and evaluation with respect to their care, maintenance and preservation.

**Biological Significance**

The Torrey pine is the rarest pine species in North America. Globally, the species is also considered critically endangered. Within the State of California, the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) provides ranks for rare plant species and lists the Torrey pine with a Rare Plant Rank of 1B (<http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/ranking.php>). Plants with a 1B ranking are rare throughout their range; most are endemic and have declined significantly over the last century. All of the plants constituting Rank 1B meet the definitions of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) of the California Department of Fish and Game Code, and are eligible for state listing. Impacts to these species or their habitat must be analyzed during preparation of environmental documents relating to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), or those considered to be functionally equivalent to CEQA, as they meet the definition of Rare or Endangered under CEQA Guidelines §15125; (c) and/or §15380.

The remaining native habitat for the species is restricted to two locations in southern California; the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve (TPSNR), situated north of La Jolla, and Santa Rosa Island in the Channel Islands. The reserve was originally designated as a City Park in 1889 and was later included within the State system and converted to a reserve and is now considered "one of the County's public treasures" (Lightner 2011). While current population numbers vary in the literature, the estimated remaining natural population within the Reserve is less than 3,000 trees.

According to Lightner's San Diego County Native Plants, there are less than 2,500 naturally occurring trees. Lightner further provides the following description of the trees in their natural habitat:

*"One of few large plants unique to SD County, the Torrey pine is an emblem of the region's natural beauty, found on bluffs and in canyons between La Jolla and Del Mar. The Torrey pine is celebrated locally for its picturesque growth in low coastal sage scrub, and persistence on windy sandstone bluffs. The trees grow at less than 500 feet amsl, and are generally less than 60' in height... Each plant's unique habit is shaped by orientation to sun and wind. On exposed slopes plants appear stunted, twisting and sparse.*

*In protected canyons and drainages, trees often grow tall with majestic broad crowns... In recent decades the species has been adopted widely as landscape tree for natural drought-resistance and pride of local origin. Irrigated trees may grow 2-3x taller than in natural habitats. Plants are vulnerable to bark beetles."*

In order to recognize and further protect the species where it occurs on public lands, in 1952 the City adopted Municipal Code Chapter 6 (Public Works and Property), Article 3 (Public Improvement and Assessment) Division 0, Ordinance 63.07. That Ordinance states:

*§63.07 Destruction, Injury of Torrey Pines Trees — Prohibited That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cut, injure or destroy any trees known as the "Pinus Torreyana" growing upon ...or any other public lots or lands, belonging to and within the corporate limits of the City of San Diego. (Incorp. 1-22-1952 by O-5046 N.S.)"*

### **Historical and Cultural Significance**

The historical record of Torrey pines in San Diego County has been well documented. Long before European presence, the Torrey pine area in southern California was home to the native Kumeyaay, whose lands extended south to Ensenada, Mexico and east to the Imperial Valley. The Kumeyaay habited the coast, mountains, and desert foothills, living in extended families, and made use of many of the plant resources for food, shelter and clothing. In particular, Torrey pines were used for the wood in constructing shelters, the sap was used as glue and sealant for their tule boats, and the long needles were used for coiling baskets and other utilitarian household items. The pine cones produce hard-shelled nuts that were also an important food source.

The local history related to use of the species as a landscape tree is less well documented, but it is known that Torrey pines were favored as street trees because of their drought tolerance, fast growth, and large canopies. In 2010 the OB community came together to save the Torrey pine tree at 4633 Long Branch Avenue as the City had threatened to remove it. A reprieve was granted to perform additional testing and evaluations and to develop alternatives to removal. Fortunately, the tree was saved and remains a majestic example that dominates the entire block. The tree spreads out across the street and provides an outstanding view as well as shade during the summers.