

Agenda Report

DATE: March 17, 2008

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER STREET TREE PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve an amendment to the Master Street Tree Plan that would allow for the planting of the *Quercus engelmenii*, Engelmann Oak tree on Lambert Drive between Altadena Drive and Oak Avenue, replacing the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut tree, as the designated street tree.

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At its regular meeting on January 7, 2008, the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (UFAC) voted unanimously to recommend to the Design Commission and to the City Council an amendment to the Master Street Tree Plan to allow for the planting of the *Quercus engelmenii*, Engelmann Oak tree, on Lambert Drive from Altadena Drive west to Oak Avenue, replacing the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut tree, as the designated street tree.

DESIGN COMMISSION

At its regular meeting on February 25, 2008, the Design Commission reviewed and concurred with the staff and UFAC recommendations that would allow for the planting of the *Quercus engelmenii*, Engelmann Oak tree, on Lambert Drive from Altadena Drive west to Oak Avenue, replacing the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut tree, as the designated street tree.

BACKGROUND

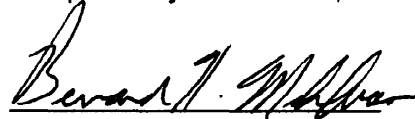
A resident of Lambert Drive contacted staff with some concerns about the health of their designated street tree, the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut tree. The *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut tree, is not doing well on this street. Since their plantings began in 1998, several have either died or are dying. In addition, several

residents noticed that the *Quercus englemanni*, Engelmann Oak trees that are already planted in these sites are doing well and they would like them to be planted at their residences instead of the Cape Chestnut. Staff has confirmed that there are several of the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut trees in this area that have been removed or are scheduled to be removed because their condition has declined. Therefore, staff recommends that the Master Street Tree Plan be amended allowing for the planting of the *Quercus englemanni*, Engelmann Oak tree, on Lambert Drive between Altadena Drive west to Oak Avenue, replacing the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut tree, as the designated street tree.

FISCAL IMPACT

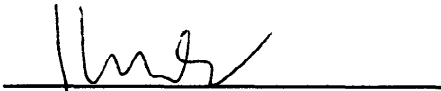
The change in species for all locations will not incur any additional installation or maintenance costs.

Respectfully Submitted,



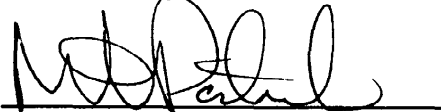
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