

# Agenda Report

**DATE: June 13, 2011**

**TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council**

**FROM: Department of Public Works**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER STREET TREE PLAN FOR LAMBERT DRIVE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that tree planting is categorically exempt under California's' Administrative Code Chapter 14 Title 3 Section 15061 (b)(3); and
2. Amend the Master Street Tree Plan to include *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as an alternate tree, in addition to the *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak, the designated street tree on Lambert Drive, between Oak Avenue and Altadena Drive.

**URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

On May 11, 2011 the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (UFAC) voted four to two, to support the staff recommendation to amend the Master Street Tree Plan for Lambert Drive, between Oak Avenue and Altadena Drive to include *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as an alternate tree, in addition to the *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak, the designated street tree.

**DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

On May 23, 2011, the Design Commission voted eight to zero with one abstention to support the staff recommendation to amend the Master Street Tree Plan on Lambert Drive, between Oak Avenue and Altadena Drive to include *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as an alternate tree, in addition to the *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak, the designated street tree.

**BACKGROUND:**

Periodically, at the request of the residents staff will review the designated street tree along a special street segment. In March 2011, a Lambert Drive resident contacted staff

to request an amendment to the Master Street Tree Plan (MTSP) to include *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak to be planted on Lambert Drive. The resident had four large *Ceratonia siliqua*, Carob trees removed by the City based on their condition, from the front of his property, one in 2006 and three in March of 2011, leaving his parkway without a tree canopy. In addition to these tree removals, several other residents have had large, old carob trees removed. In 2000, the MSTP was amended to designate the *Calodendrum capense*, Cape Chestnut as the designated street tree replacing the Carob. However, the Cape Chestnut did very poorly and as a result in 2008 staff worked with the residents to amend the MSTP to designate the Engelmann Oak to replace the Cape Chestnut. Although some residents are happy with the Engelmann, some residents have requested a different variety of Oak be planted in their parkways.

Some residents of Lambert Drive have indicated their preference for the Southern Live Oak because of its faster growth rate and greener lush look. The proposed change to the MSTP would allow the residents to have the option of having an alternative Oak planted in their parkway, which is the case in most other areas of the City. Throughout various tree planting projects, staff has encountered difficulty finding quality trees at local nurseries of specific Oak species in sizes appropriate for City use. This is one of the reasons why the MSTP does not indicate a specific genus of Oak, and leaves the Oak species more general allowing for different *Quercus* species to be planted. At this time the MSTP specifies that *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak is the only tree species designated for Lambert Drive.

In light of these issues one of the residents circulated a petition to his neighbors in late April, 2011. Out of the 83 residences in the subject area, 49 supported amending the MSTP to include the Southern Live Oak and none of the residents' contacted staff to oppose the change. Attachment A contains a copy of the petition with signatures.

On May 4, 2011, staff sent a letter advising all residents in the subject area that this issue would be discussed at the May 11, 2011, UFAC meeting (see Attachment B). At the May 11, 2011 meeting UFAC supported the staff recommendation by a vote of four to two, that the MSTP be amended to include *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as an alternate tree, in addition to the *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak, which is the designated street tree on Lambert Drive, between Oak Avenue and Altadena Drive.

On May 17, 2011, staff sent a second letter to the residents advising them of the date of the Design Commission meeting when this issue would be discussed and of the tentative meeting date for Council review (see Attachment C).

On May 23, 2011, the Design Commission voted eight to zero with one abstention to support the staff recommendation to the City Council to amend the Master Street Tree Plan on Lambert Drive, between Oak Avenue and Altadena Drive to include *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak as an alternate tree, in addition to the *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak, the designated street tree.

If approved, when other vacancies become available the *Quercus englemeni*, Engelmann Oak will be planted unless the *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oak is requested.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

All tree plantings and future tree plantings support the City Council's goal to "Increase conservation and sustainability" and further Urban Accord #11 "Tree Canopy" by increasing canopy coverage. Although Urban Accord # 11 was met by the City in 2008, the City strives to increase canopy coverage by five percent over the next 20 years. As areas of the City change, there are additional locations for trees to be planted. Parks and Natural Resources staff work with residents, business owners, and associations to ensure that the trees planted in the public right-of-way meet the neighborhood's wants and needs and that the trees are appropriate for the overall goals of the City's urban canopy.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

All planting of trees in the public right-of-way furthers the City's goals for the urban canopy. Tree planting is categorically exempt under California's' Administrative Code Chapter 14 Title 3 Section 15061 (b)(3). These projects will assist in the renewal of the urban forest and is a demonstration of the continued commitment to the development of the sustainable growth.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The change in species for any location will not incur any additional installation or maintenance costs. Rather the street tree vacancies will be replanted as a part of the regular street tree planting and maintenance program.

Respectfully submitted,



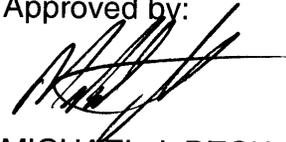
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Approved by:



MICHAEL J. BECK  
City Manager

Attachment A – Residents' Petition  
Attachment B – Letter sent from staff on May 4, 2011  
Attachment C – Letter sent from staff on May 17, 2011



By signing this petition I am agreeing that I want to have either the Engelmann or Southern Live Oak as an alternate planted in the parkways of Lambert Drive between Oak Avenue and Alhambra Drive.

Address	Street Name	Street Type	Sitr #	From Street Text	To Street Text	Signature
2056	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>Steven S. Marcos</i>
2059	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>Roberto Duran</i>
2075	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	
2080	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>M. McLaughlin</i>
2082	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	
2083	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	
2085	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>GABRIELA FIVEZON</i>
2088	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	
2094	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>MICHAEL O'CONNOR</i>
2098	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>Eric Wessington Washington</i>
2099	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	
2101	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	
2106	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>Ramiro Apolinar</i>
2110	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>Tenley Evans</i>
2115	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>M. McLaughlin</i>
2120	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>S. Conway</i>
2121	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	<i>John Fosselman</i>
2131	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N OAK AVE	N CRAIG AVE	

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Address	Street Name	Street Type	Size #	From Street Text	To Street Text	Signature
2147	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Liz Vesper
2148	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Roger Retinger
2158	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Ramon Crossman
2159	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Rogina McVie
2167	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Mark Eisenstein
2168	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Bill Crowell
2176	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Samantha Woodruff
2177	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Leish Reynolds
2186	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Scott Wourse
2187	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	
2196	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Andrew Conell
2199	LAMBERT	DR	F-1A	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	George Porcell
2206	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Donald Sims
2215	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Michael Weisk
2220	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Leon Merris
2226	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	
2227	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Michael Rizzo
2237	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	
2246	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	Josh Paris

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By signing this petition I am agreeing that I want to have either the Engelmann or Southern Live Oak as an alternate planted in the parkways of Lambert Drive between Oak Avenue and Alhadena Drive.

Address	Street Name	Street Type	Site #	From Street Text	To Street Text	Signature
2247	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>Greg Northrop</i>
2256	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>Nick Terbovic</i>
2257	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>DEVISE HORNSICK</i>
2261	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>Alhadena School</i>
2267	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>Marie Riell</i>
2277	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	
2280	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>Dawn Chappard</i>
2286	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	<i>MARCIANER</i>
2287	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	N CRAIG AVE	MARTELO AVE	



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Address	Street Name	Street Type	Unit #	From Street Text	To Street Text	Signature
2306	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2307	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2308	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2323	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2330	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2339	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2340	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2345	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	GIOVANNI BOSCHETTI
2354	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2357	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	ROBERT NORDEN
2364	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2367	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2372	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2375	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	
2385	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	MARCO ANTONIO TORRES
2390	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	ADRIANA TORRES
2397	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	FRANCIS McLENNAN
2400	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	FRANCIS McLENNAN
2414	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	JILL PAM.
2415	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	MARTELO AVE	CARMELO AVE	

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Address	Street Name	Street Type	Size #	Front Street Text	To Street Text	Signature
2417	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Wendell Carter
2432	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2437	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2442	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	EDWARD SATEN
2454	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Calpac Navano
2457	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2464	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2470	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Jill Klevi
2471	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2480	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	MICHAEL
2485	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2490	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Andersen
2491	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Joan Spiers
2500	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Charles Brewster
2505	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	Ron Doughty
2510	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
2515	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	
	LAMBERT	DR	F-1	CARMELO AVE	N ALTADENA DR	

83 total proposed



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 4, 2011

Lambert Drive Resident  
Pasadena, Ca 91105

Dear Lambert Drive Resident:

As you may know, a petition to expand the Master Street Tree Plan (MSTP) for Lambert Drive was recently circulated. The petition seeks resident support to amend the MSTP to consider *Quercus virginia*, Southern Live Oak as an alternate tree species that, in addition to the Englemann Oak, may be planted on Lambert Drive. The petition and proposal to amend the MSTP to allow for the planting of this additional tree species will be reviewed by the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee at their May 11, 2011 meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Jackie Robinson Center, located at 1020 North Fair Oaks Avenue.

As part of this review process, if you have a vacant site or a tree that needs replacing and would like to have a tree larger than the standard 15 gallon tree planted in your parkway, you may submit a request to have a 24" box tree planted at a cost of \$300.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process. If you are interested in replacing and/or planting a larger tree or have questions about the proposed amendment to the MSTP, please feel free to contact me at (626) 744-3846.

Respectfully,

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Darya Barar, Program Coordinator  
Parks and Natural Resources



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 17, 2011

Lambert Drive Resident  
Pasadena, Ca 91105

Dear Lambert Drive Resident:

As you may know, a petition to expand the Master Street Tree Plan (MSTP) for Lambert Drive was recently circulated. The number of signatures and resident who came to speak at the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (UFAC) assisted the UFAC in their review and support of the amendment that allow for the Quercus virginia, Southern Live Oak as an alternate (additional option) to the designated street tree the Englemann Oak on Lambert Drive.

The petition and proposal to amend the MSTP to allow for the planting of this additional tree species will be reviewed by the Design Commission at their May 23, 2011 meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the Senior Center, located at 85 East Holly Street. The final step in this process is for the City Council to review and consider the proposed amendment. At this time, that is tentatively scheduled for the June 13, 2011 City Council meeting. However, agendas are subject to change and are finalized on the preceding Thursday. City Council agendas are posted on the City's website and agenda items scheduled for the subsequent Monday meeting can be confirmed at that time.

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