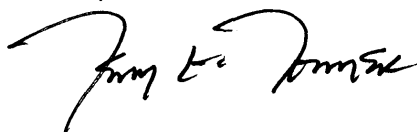


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From: Tornek, Terry
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Cc: Reyes, David; Thyret, Pam
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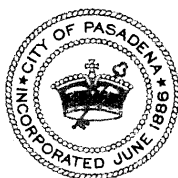
I would like to call up the approval of Tree Removal Request TR2013-00446, 918 Green St.-PLN2013-00446. Thanks.

Terry Tornek

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11/25/2013

Item 13



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

November 5, 2013

Ulises Garcia
44 West Bellevue Drive, suite 6
Pasadena, CA 91105

**Re: Tree Removal Request TR2013-00446
918 East Green Street - PLN2013-00446**

Dear Mr. Garcia:

Your application for the removal of a protected tree under the provisions of the Pasadena Municipal Code (Sections 8.52.070 and 8.52.075) has been reviewed by the Planning & Community Development Department. This was an application requesting permission to remove the following protected trees:

Tree #	Genus Species	Common Name	DBH	Height	Spread
1	Ficus Nitida	Indian Laurel Fig	28" and 16"	40'	43'
2	Podocarpus Gracilior	African Fern Pine	20"	35'	22'

After careful consideration of this application, and with full knowledge of the property and vicinity, the finding below has been adopted. Based upon this finding the Private Tree Removal application is hereby **approved**.

Tree#1: 28" and 16" Ficus Nitida (Indian Laurel Fig)

There is an objective feature of the tree that makes the tree not suitable for the protections of this chapter: According to Charles H. Strawter, a licensed arborist (ISA WE-7181A), the tree is location is unsuitable for its species. The tree is located within a small (5' x 5') planter in a raised concrete patio. Because it is located in close proximity to the building's foundation, pruning for building clearance will result in an unbalanced canopy. The tree has a lean toward the parking lot to the south and approximately 85% of the tree's canopy already covers the parking lot, the trunk leans onto and growing over the top of an adjacent block wall, causing a potential weak point in the trunk. It is the arborist's recommendation to remove the tree as this tree is not appropriately placed for its species. Trees more suitable for this location include species that have a narrow, columnar or small canopy and have low root damage potential.

Tree#2: 20" Podocarpus Gracilior (Fern Pine)

There is an objective feature of the tree that makes the tree not suitable for the protections of this chapter: The subject Fern Pine tree is growing in close proximity to the existing building, in a raised concrete patio, in a small planter adjacent to a block wall. According to

the arborist's observation, it has weak scaffolding attachment with included bark and an unbalanced crown due to building clearance pruning. It has a poor structure form as the trunk is growing immediately adjacent to a block wall. The root zone is likely unbalanced due to the size and location of the planter, and approximately 65% of the tree's canopy covers the parking lot adjacent to the south. It is the arborist's recommendation that replacing this tree with a more suitable species would be an improvement to the area.

EFFECTIVE DATE – APPEAL - CALL FOR REVIEW

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with Pasadena Municipal Code Chapter 17.72, any person affected or aggrieved by the decision of the Planning Director has the right to appeal this decision within ten days. The last day to file an appeal is **November 15, 2013**. The regular appeal fee is \$272.95. The appeal fee for non-profit Community-based Organizations pre-registered with Neighborhood Connections is \$136.48. The effective date of this decision is **November 18, 2013**. Prior to this effective date, a member of the City Council or Planning Commission may request that it be called for review to the Board of Zoning Appeals. However, if there is a request for a Call for Review, the appeal period will continue to run. If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact the Case Manager, Beilin Yu, at (626) 744-6726.

The project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(9); Administrative Code, Title 14, Chapter 3, Class 4 §15304, Minor Alterations to Land). This section specifically applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation.

This approval expires two years from the effective date. The approval period may be extended once - for a third and final year - by filing a written request and paying a fee with the Planning Department before the expiration of the two-year effective date.

Sincerely,



Kelvin Parker
Zoning Administrator

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cc: Code Enforcement, Case File (TR#2013-00446), Reading File; Planning Commission (9); City Council, Field Reps., City Clerk, Director of Planning & Community Development, Public Works - Forestry Operations