

Agenda Report

DATE: August 2, 2004

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER STREET TREE PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following change to the Master Street Tree Plan to allow for the planting of a *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar in one location just east of the Prospect Street Bridge, shown on attached map.

RECOMMENDATION FROM ADVISORY BODIES:

The Urban Forestry Advisory Committee recommended approval of the staff recommendation at its regular meeting of February 18, 2004.

The Design Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation at its regular meeting on June 14, 2004.

BACKGROUND:

In 2001, a very large Eucalyptus tree was removed from the subject location which is on Seco Street but more visible from Prospect Boulevard. Many neighbors subsequently expressed an interest in replacing the tree. The street tree for Seco is designated as a *Quercus agrifolia*, Coast Live Oak tree, while the Prospect Boulevard tree is the *Cinnamomum camphora*, Camphor tree. In looking at the aerial pictures of the neighborhood, there is a variety of species planted, including the prominent *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar tree. With this in mind, staff considered the *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar, and finds that it will provide a consistent look and is therefore better suited for this location than either of the designated street trees.

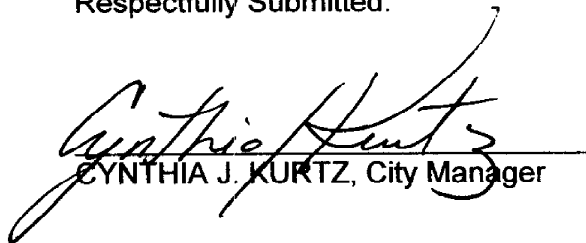
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Staff therefore recommends an amendment to the Master Street Tree Plan to allow for the planting of the Deodar Cedar, *Cedrus deodara* in this location only. In addition, staff received 25 letters from residents of this neighborhood, who overwhelmingly support the staff recommendation.


FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no additional cost for this change in species.

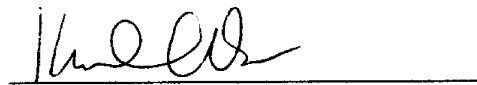
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