

Agenda Report

DATE: April 25, 2005

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE MASTER STREET TREE PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the following amendments to the Master Street Tree Plan to allow for the planting of *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' on Corson and Maple Streets, adjacent to the 210 freeway; Flower Street, from Marengo Avenue to Los Robles Avenue; Earlham Street, from El Molino Avenue to Lake Avenue.

URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At its regular meeting of February 2, 2005, the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee recommended the City Council approve an amendment to the MSTP that would designate the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' on Corson and Maple Streets, adjacent to the 210 freeway; Flower Street, from Marengo Avenue to Los Robles Avenue; Earlham Street, from El Molino Avenue to Lake Avenue.

DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

At its regular meeting of March 14, 2005, the Design Commission recommended the City Council approve an amendment to the MSTP that would designate the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' on Corson and Maple Streets, adjacent to the 210 freeway; Flower Street, from Marengo Avenue to Los Robles Avenue; Earlham Street, from El Molino Avenue to Lake Avenue.

BACKGROUND

The City of Pasadena is the recipient of an annual gift of 100 *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' (cherry trees) from Pasadena's sister city in Japan. Pasadena will receive these for ten years for a total of 1,000 cherry trees. The trees are being donated to Pasadena as a gesture of unity between Japan and the Japanese-Americans that currently reside in Southern California, Pasadena in particular. The ultimate goal is to plant the trees in locations that are readily seen by residents and visitors of the Pasadena Cherry Blossom Festival. Pasadena has received 200 trees to date, and they have been planted in various locations in Pasadena including Victory Park, San Rafael Park, and on the Sierra Madre Median Island. City Council previously amended the Master Street Tree Plan to also allow planting of the cherry trees on Highland Street.

In anticipation of additional shipments of cherry trees, staff has been looking for street locations where the current street tree is not performing well, or on streets that a palm tree is the only tree planted and could be replaced with the Cherry. Staff has previously noted that the *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolia has not been performing well on Corson and Maple Streets adjacent to the 210 freeway. This is due to the lack of irrigation along the freeway. Staff believes that the Cherry trees will do better in this setting after they are established because they do not need the frequency of watering that the Magnolias need.

The designated street tree for Flower Street is the *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm. Staff believes that this street would benefit greatly from a smaller canopy tree. The street is very hot and dry and the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' could provide color and shade.

The designated street tree for Earlham Street from El Molino Avenue to Lake Ave is also the *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm. Planting Earlham in this location with the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' would provide color and shade in the same manner as on Flower Street.


FISCAL IMPACT

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

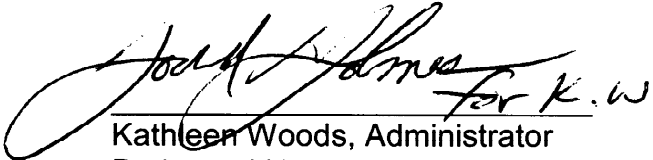
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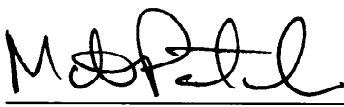
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