

# Agenda Report

**DATE: December 5, 2005**

**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 (MSTP) to allow for the planting of *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' on Palm Terrace.

## **URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

At its regular meeting on August 1, 2005, the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee recommended the City Council approve an amendment to the MSTP that would designate the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' as an alternate street tree for Palm Terrace.

## **DESIGN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

At its regular meeting on November 14, 2005, the Design Commission recommended that the City Council approve an amendment to the MSTP that would designate the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' as an alternate street tree for Palm Terrace.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Pasadena is the proud recipient of an annual gift of one hundred *Prunus serrulata*, 'Pink Cloud' cherry trees from the East West Federation. Pasadena will receive these for ten years for a total of one thousand cherry trees. The trees are being donated to Pasadena as a gesture of unity between Japan and the Japanese-Americans that 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. City Council previously amended the Master Street Tree Plan to also allow planting of the cherry trees on Highland Street, Corson and Maple Streets, Flower Street from Marengo Avenue to Los Robles Avenue, and Earlham Street from El Molino Avenue to Lake Avenue.

To date, Pasadena has received 400 trees which have been planted in various locations in Pasadena including Victory Park, San Rafael Park, the Sierra Madre Median Island, and on both Corson and Maple Streets adjacent to the 210 freeway.

Residents of Palm Terrace recently have approached staff with a request to have a street tree planted that would enhance the palm canopy. The designated street tree for Palm Terrace is the *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm. Staff believes that this street would benefit greatly from a smaller canopy tree. The street often becomes very hot and dry and the *Prunus serrulata* 'Pink Cloud' could provide color and a larger shade canopy.

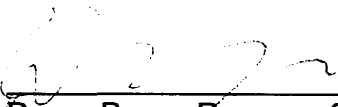
**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

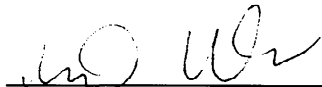
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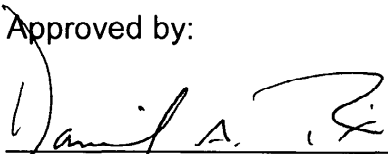
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