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**MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Parks and Natural Resources Division**

DATE: December 4, 2006
TO: Urban Forestry Advisory Committee
FROM: Kathleen Woods
RE: Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape, Walkways and Alleys Plan Update

Recommendation:

This report is presented for information only.

Background:

The Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape, Walkways and Alleys Plan was approved by the City Council November 18, 1996. As a part of the implementation for the plan, a Consensus Plan was developed by representatives from the Pasadena Playhouse District, Pasadena Beautiful Foundation and the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee. This plan developed a phased approach to the removal of the *Ficus microcarpa* 'nitida', *Ficus* and *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, Carrotwood trees and was reviewed by the City Council on April 26, 1999. The removal schedule was based on conflict with existing and planned utilities as well as the growth rate of the *Ginkgo biloba*, Ginkgo trees that were the replacement species called out for Colorado Boulevard.

Phase one of the Consensus Plan specifically called for the removal of trees that were obstructing existing utilities and/or were located in places where new utilities would be placed. Phase two of the plan called for the replacement of the existing trees as the canopy coverage of the new Ginkgo trees grew. Staff and the affected business owners continue to monitor the growth of the newly planted Ginkgo trees. Unfortunately the trees have not grown as fast as anticipated from their planting in 1999.

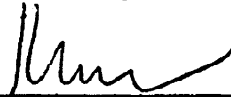
The *Ficus microcarpa* 'nitida', *Ficus* trees and *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, Carrotwood trees that were retained as part of the transitional replacement plan have continued to impact utilities and hardscape on Colorado Boulevard. As a result of this continued concern, staff has been working with property owners and managers as well as the Playhouse District representatives to implement the details of the Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape, Walkways and Alleys Plan that includes the removal of these trees. In order to further the transitional replacement, staff will remove those trees where the property owners are paying the cost of planting the replacement palms at a

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height of 12 – 15 feet and 36" boxed Ginkgos. Staff is confident that these plantings will grow more vigorously because they will be larger and stronger and more resistant to the elements that have limited the growth of the existing trees.

Respectfully submitted:



**Kathleen Woods, Administrator
Parks and Natural Resources**

Prepared By:



**Darya Barar, Program Coordinator
Parks and Natural Resources**

**CITY OF PASADENA
URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting
December 4, 2006– 5:00 PM
1020 North Fair Oaks Avenue

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Present were acting Chair Chris Peck, Glenn de Veer, Heather Lenkin and Emina Darajky.

I. MINUTE

- a. A motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2006 was made by Glenn de Veer and seconded by Heather Lenkin. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. There was a long discussion on the list of street trees previously reviewed by the City Center Task Force in regards to the planting of trees on Holly Street between Marengo and Garfield Avenues. The decision to recommend the *Platanus acerifolia*, London Plane tree to replace the Carob trees that are in significant decline was made by the Task Force in 2004. The Committee heard comments from Claire Bogaard that the *Platanus acerifolia*, London Plane tree is unsuitable for this location in front of City Hall. Mrs. Bogaard spoke about her experience with the tree, the rampant disease problems, and a Los Angeles Times article which berated the tree for its fall color. Tim Brick spoke help the Committee see the importance of the Engelmann Oak which is also known as the Pasadena Oak, and its aesthetic, historic, and landscape value to Pasadena. Mr. Brick gave locations where the tree could be found, with an example being the east-side of Michillinda Avenue as a good place to see the Engelmann Oak.

At the conclusion of the discussion on the Holly Street trees, the UFAC discussed their options since they had previously supported the London Plane tree when reviewed in 2004. In reviewing minutes of the City Council from 2004, the UFAC members noted that the Council was interested in whether they have concerns with the choice of the London Plane tree. Therefore, Emina Darajky made a motion to have the *Quercus engelmannii*, Engelmann Oak be considered as an additional species that lines Holly Street between Los Robles and Garfield Avenues, in addition to the list of six species previously recommended to the City Council by the City Center Task Force. The motion further stated that the Council be advised that the preference of the UFAC is the *Quercus engelmannii*, Engelmann Oak, because of its historic value, as it is sometimes referred to as the Pasadena Oak; its aesthetic value, having a regal, open canopy and is semi-deciduous; its landscape value as a low water usage plant; it is on the national registry; and this particular species is an endangered species of oak (which turned out not

to be the case), so planting it would boost the visibility of the community. The motion was seconded by Heather Lenkin and passed unanimously with a 4 to 0 vote.

- b. The committee reviewed Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape, Walkways and Alleys plan which included scheduled tree removals for Colorado Boulevard, understanding that the plan was reviewed previously by the City Council.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE –

- a. Comment on the situation in Defender's Park where trees had been pruned for the installation of the Rose Parade bleachers and whether the trees will have potential problems. Staff to look into the condition of the trees.
- b. Chris Peck asked if there was any fallout from the City of Los Angeles' mass removal of palm trees. Of which, there was none.

III. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Distribution:

Kathy Woods
Heather Lenkin
Glenn de Veer
Sid Tyler

Kenneth Graham
Chris Peck
Greg Jackson
Bill Bogaard

Martin Pastucha
Emina Darakjy
Michael Cornwell
Claire Bogaard

ATTACHMENT E

MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS
PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

DATE: November 5, 2007
TO: Urban Forestry Advisory Committee
FROM: Kathleen Woods, Administrator
RE: Proposed Tree Removals in the Playhouse District

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee support the staff recommendation to the City Manager that would allow for the removal of eight trees in the Playhouse District:

Background

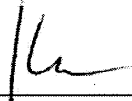
The tree removal issue was raised as part of the implementation of phase one of the Playhouse District Master Plan. The Master Plan had originally intended to remove all of the trees on East Colorado Boulevard, between Los Robles and Lake Avenues, and returning later to implement the phase two that would remove trees on the North-South streets and replace them with the newly designated street trees. In lieu of whole scale removal of all trees on East Colorado, a plan was reviewed by City Council that would remove only trees that conflicted with the planting of the *Ginkgo biloba*, Maidenhair tree. As a part of the second phase of this plan the remaining trees would be removed, and at that time if there was still funding available the North-South streets would be included in the implementation of the Playhouse District Master Plan.

Staff is recommending to the City Manager to implement the removal of the eight trees in order to complete the second phase of the Playhouse District Master Plan. The eight trees will be replaced with 71 new tree plantings. Additionally, 62 trees will remain in place.

Location of the tree removals and their replacement are as follows; on Oakland Avenue between Union Street and Colorado Boulevard three *Ficus microcarpa* "nitida", Indian Laurel Fig trees are posed to be removed and will be replaced with 21 *Lagerstroemia indica* "alba", White Crape Myrtle. On Oakland Avenue between Colorado Boulevard and Green Street two *Magnolia grandiflora*, Southern Magnolias are posed for removal and in their place 22 *Lagerstroemia indica* "alba", White Crape Myrtle will be planted. On Madison between Colorado Boulevard and Green Street two *Ficus microcarpa* "nitida",

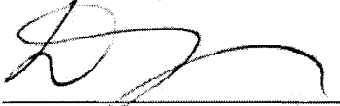
Indian Laurel Fig trees are posed for removal and six *Tabebuia impetiginosa*, Pink Trumpet trees are recommended to be planted in their place. On Hudson Avenue between Union Street and Colorado Boulevard one *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, Carrotwood tree is posed for removal and it will be replaced with six *Quercus virginiana*, Southern Live Oaks. The eight trees being recommended for removal will allow the planting of 71 trees. Staff is therefore recommending that the UFAC support the staff recommendation to the City to remove eight trees.

Respectfully submitted:



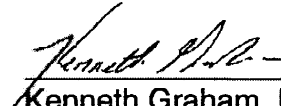
Kathleen Woods, Administrator
Parks and Natural Resources

Prepared By:



Darya Barar, Program Coordinator
Parks and Natural Resources

Reviewed By:



Kenneth Graham, Public Works Supervisor
Parks and Natural Resources

**PROPOSED TREE INVENTORY FOR PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT
STREETSCAPES, WALKWAYS & ALLEYS**

PASADENA PLAYHOUSE PHASE 2				
STREET NAME	LIMITS	REMOVING	REMAINING	ADDING
OAKLAND AV	UNION ST to COLORADO BL	(3) Indian Laurel Fig		(21) White Grape Myrtle
	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST	(2) Southern Magnolia	(2) Southern Magnolia	(22) White Grape Myrtle
	UNION ST to COLORADO BL		(7) Southern Magnolia (3) California Sycamore (2) Mexican Fan Palm (1) Camphor (1) California Fan Palm	(2) Southern Magnolia
MADISON AV	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST	(2) Indian Laurel Fig		(6) Pink Tabebuia
OAK KNOLL AV	UNION ST to COLORADO BL		(3) Pink Tabebuia (9) Holly Oak	(6) Pink Tabebuia
	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST		(4) Pink Tabebuia (1) Holly Oak	(7) Pink Tabebuia
	UNION ST to COLORADO BL	(1) Carrotwood	(9) Holly Oak	(6) Southern Live Oak
HUDSON AV	COLORADO BL to GREEN ST		(2) Coast Live Oak (8) Southern Live Oak (5) Holly Oak	(1) Southern Live Oak
	TOTAL	8	62	71

**CITY OF PASADENA
URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2007– 5:00 PM
1020 North Fair Oaks Avenue Room 300**

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 PM. Present were Acting Chair Chris Peck, Kelley Holmes, Heather Lenkin, and Emina Darakjy.

I. MINUTE

- a. A motion to approve the minutes from October 1, 2007 was made by Kelley Holmes and seconded by Emina Darakjy. The motion carried with a vote of 4 to 0.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. No Comments

I. ACTION ITEMS

- A. The UFAC requested that the development team of 1425 North Garfield Avenue return to the next months meeting with the exploration of a split drive option, a landscape plan that shows the private trees, and an accurate site plan.
- B. The UFAC requested that the development team of 3020 East California Boulevard Tree Removal on Sydney Avenue return to the next months meeting with the exploration of alternate options for the driveway and garage.
- C. The proposed tree removals in the Playhouse District stimulated some discussion in reference to the removal of the three *Ficus microcarpa* "nitida", Indian Laurel Fig trees adjacent to the Citizens Community Bank. Emina Darakjy made a motion that was seconded by Heather Lenkin to approve the staff recommendation that would support the City Manager in the removal of eight trees in the Playhouse District, allowing for 71 trees to be planted.
- D. In response to the issues of the composition and structure of the UFAC raised at the joint City Council and Design commission meeting of October 8, 2007 the response was as follows.
 - a. The UFAC highly values the subordinate relationship between Design Commission and UFAC, and would prefer for that relationship to be maintained. Further more, the UFAC expressed that the composition of UFAC, as outlined in Pasadena Municipal Code 2.80.135, could remain the same, with the stipulation that if the two seats from the Design Commission were not filled that one of the seats be opened to a member of the community at large who has a specialty or expertise in Architect or Landscape Architecture. Additionally, the UFAC recognized that there is a new commission, the Environmental Advisory Commission; council might consider appointing an EAC Commissioner as one of the At Large positions if it were vacant.

- b. The UFAC requests that the Design Commission delegate the review of any project that includes 6 or more private protected tree removal applications prior to Design review. In addition, any projects that are found to have trees that are found to be significant also be referred to UFAC for review.
- c. Heather Lenkin will work on a draft that will seek to expand the list of protected trees.
- d. Emina Darakjy will work to with staff to expand the amount of trees protected by Landmark tree status.

II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. Information on the removal of the 12 *Prunus caroliniana*, Carolina Cherry Laurel trees that are dead and dying at the south end of the Norton Simon Museum parking lot was received.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

IV. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Distribution:

Kathy Woods

Heather Lenkin

Greg Jackson

Bill Bogaard

Charles McKenney

Kenneth Graham

Chris Peck

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Sid Tyler

Kelley Holmes

ATTACHMENT F



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

September 12, 2008

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Pasadena

Mayor and Councilmembers:

INFORMATION LETTER

1. ARROYO PARKWAY CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:

On Saturday, September 20, an event will be held on Arroyo Parkway to celebrate the completion of the Arroyo Parkway Enhancement Project, a one-year long roadway rehabilitation/reconstruction and beautification project. The event will be held on Arroyo Parkway south of Bellevue Drive, adjacent to Whole Foods Market, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Activities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:00 a.m. followed by an open house with free food, discounts and a raffle for prizes. Staff visited the businesses on Arroyo Parkway to extend invitations to participate and sent follow-up letters. Businesses were also invited to set-up a booth in the celebration area. More than 15 businesses are expected to participate in the celebration.

2. HEALTH DEPARTMENT AWARDED \$400,000 GRANT FROM KAISER:

The Pasadena Public Health Department has been awarded a \$400,000 grant over two years from Kaiser Permanente to pilot a program to improve standards of care for chronic disease in Northwest Pasadena. The grant was made possible because of Pasadena's proven success in collaborative, community health improvement efforts that involve a variety of committed participants. The attached memo from Dr. Takashi Wada, Director/Health Officer describes the program in greater detail.

3. PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT TREE REMOVALS:

The Playhouse District Streetscapes, Walkways and Alleys Plan approved by Council in 1996 included a phased approach to the removal of certain street trees. Phase I was completed in 2000 and Phase II will begin in November 2008. This weekend six ficus and carrotwood trees will be removed to allow Target and Community Bank to

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reconstruct portions of the sidewalk. New trees will be planted as part of the Phase II project in November. Further information on the street tree plan is attached in a memo from Martin Pastucha, Director of Public Works.

4. **TEMPORARY ROSE BOWL LOOP CLOSURE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:**

On the evening of Thursday, September 25, auto access around the Rose Bowl loop will be restricted to allow expanded recreational use. The loop will be closed to auto traffic between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with restricted traffic lanes allowing east/west traffic on Seco Drive and Washington Boulevard. Access to the Brookside parking lot will also be permitted from Rose Bowl Drive. The one-night closure will provide an opportunity to evaluate the potential benefits, impacts, and costs of altered vehicle traffic patterns. An outreach plan has been developed to notify the adjacent neighborhoods and local recreational users.

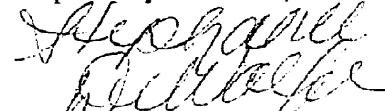
5. **UPDATE ON PROJECT AT SOUTH FAIR OAKS AND GREEN STREET:**

In May 2006 City Council heard a predevelopment plan review for a new four-story mixed use project at the northwest corner of South Fair Oaks and Green Street. The project required an extensive number of variances and was ultimately not approved by the Planning Commission in 2007. Over the past year staff has been working with the applicant to develop an alternative project. Because the new project is similar to the original, a new predevelopment plan presentation to Council review is not required. In the attached memo Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning & Development, describes the new project in greater detail.

6. **20th CLEAN AIR AWARDS:**

Attached is an invitation to the 20th Annual Clean Air Awards sponsored by the South Coast Air Quality Management District on October 1. The event honors individuals, organizations, communities and businesses that have made a significant contribution to cleaner air. Admission is free for elected officials who RSVP by September 19. For more information, please contact Rainbow Yeung at (909) 396-2778.

Respectfully submitted,



STEPHANIE DeWOLFE

Acting Assistant City Manager

CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: September 10, 2008

TO: Bernard K. Melekian, Interim City Manager

FROM: Martin Pastucha, Director *MP*
Department of Public Works

RE: GREEN SHEET ITEM: TREE REMOVAL IN THE PLAYHOUSE DISTRICT

The Pasadena Playhouse District Streetscape, Walkways and Alleys Plan was approved by the City Council November 18, 1996. As a part of the implementation for the plan, a Consensus Plan was developed by representatives from the Pasadena Playhouse District, Pasadena Beautiful Foundation and the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee. This plan developed a phased approach to the removal of the Ficus and Carrotwood trees and was reviewed by the City Council on April 26, 1999. The Master Street Tree Plan for Colorado Boulevard from Los Robles Avenue and Lake Avenue consist of alternating species, Ginkgo trees and Mexican Fan Palm trees.

Phase I consisted of removing 38 Ficus and Carrotwood trees and installing 66 Ginkgo trees and new pedestrian lights. This phase was completed in February 2000. Staff and the affected business owners have monitored the growth of the Ginkgo trees and based on their growth over the last eight years, are ready to move forward with additional tree removals and installation of palm trees on Colorado Boulevard as approved in the Playhouse District Plan.

Phase II consist of removing 36 Ficus and Carrotwood trees and installing 62 Mexican Fan Palms on Colorado Boulevard and removing 19 various trees and installing 74 trees on Oakland, Madison, Oak Knoll and Hudson Avenues. This project is currently being advertised and will begin in November 2008.

Six Ficus/Carrotwood trees will be removed on Saturday, September 13, 2008 to allow two property owners (Target and Community Bank) to remove and reconstruct the sidewalk along their frontage at their expense. The new trees will be planted as part of the Phase II project later this year.