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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item: **VI-A**
December 2, 2025

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: Reforestation Request – 11 and 12 Cambria Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of two City evergreen pear (*Pyrus kawakamii*) trees located at 11 Cambria Drive and one Brisbane box tree (*Lophostemon confertus*) located on the Cambria Drive slope frontage (fictitious address of 12 Cambria Dr.) due to a view encroachment.

The applicants, Sirus & Afsaneh Farivar (residing at 7 Goleta Point Dr.) have provided the required homeowner association (HOA) board meeting minutes along with the HOA board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. If approved by the PB&R Commission, there will be one-for-one replacements with two dwarf purple-leaf plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Purple Pony') and one water gum (*Tristania laurina*) 36-inch box trees at the applicant's cost.

DISCUSSION:

The applicants, Sirus & Afsaneh Farivar (residing at 7 Goleta Point Dr.) contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of two evergreen pears (*Pyrus kawakamii*) located at 11 Cambria Dr (Front 1 and 2), and one Brisbane box (*Lophostemon confertus*) located on the Cambria Drive slope frontage (fictitious address of 12 Cambria Dr.) due to view encroachment.

Staff inspected the trees and determined that the trees were in good condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the City Council Policy G-1 – *Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees*. The applicants indicate the view becomes obstructed prior to the City's scheduled trimming. Additionally, the applicants, who have paid for supplemental trimming in the past for the Brisbane box tree(s), wish for a more permanent resolution to the impaired view.

The Farivar's were advised of the Reforestation process as an option. The applicants provided the required HOA board meeting minutes along with the HOA board signature of approval to remove and replace the trees. They are willing to pay for the tree removals and the planting of three 36-inch box replacement trees. If approved by the PB&R Commission, there will be one-for-one replacements with two dwarf purple-leaf plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Purple Pony') and one water gum (*Tristania laurina*) 36-inch box trees.

NOTICING:

Mr. and Mrs. Farivar (applicants), Councilmember Sara Weber and Spyglass Hill Community Association have received a copy of this report. The trees were posted with information regarding the reforestation request, and postcard notifications were sent by the City to property owners within 500 feet of the subject tree's location. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Reforestation Application
- B. Spyglass Hill Community Association Meeting Minutes/Approval
- C. Tree Removal Report/Review
- D. Info Sheet – dwarf purple-leaf plum 'Purple Pony' and water gum
- E. Postcard Notification Map