



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**, at **4:00 p.m.**, or soon thereafter as the matter shall be heard, a public hearing will be conducted in the City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach will consider the following application:

Balboa Branch Library and Fire Station No. 1 Tree Removal Appeal and Coastal Development Permit – An appeal of the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission’s March 5, 2024 decision to remove a Blue Gum Eucalyptus tree, which is considered a Special City Landmark tree. Additionally, a coastal development permit is requested for the following:

1. The demolition of the existing Balboa Branch Library and Fire Station No. 1 buildings and the removal of two diseased trees, which includes the Special City Blue Gum Eucalyptus, located within the property; and
2. The construction of a new Balboa Branch Library and Fire Station No.1 of approximately 10,900 square feet. The proposed structure is approximately 33 feet 6 inches tall with a sloped roof. The facility includes a proposed installation of a 3,675 square foot green space and 1,500 square foot playground area. Staff is requesting the exemption of specific Zoning Code requirements of a minor use permit and building height limitations, per Section 20.10.040 (Applicability of Zoning Code) of the Newport Beach Municipal Code.

The project is categorically exempt under Section 15302, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines – Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction).

All interested parties may appear and present testimony in regard to this application. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you raised at the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City, at, or prior to, the public hearing. Administrative procedures for appeals are provided in the Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 20.64. The application may be continued to a specific future meeting date, and if such an action occurs additional public notice of the continuance will not be provided. Prior to the public hearing the agenda, staff report, and documents may be reviewed at the City Clerk’s Office, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California, 92660 or at the City of Newport Beach website at www.newportbeachca.gov. Individuals not able to attend the meeting may contact the Planning Division or access the City’s website after the meeting to review the action on this application.

For questions regarding details of the project please contact Laura Rodriguez, Planning Technician, at 949-644-3216, or at lrodriguez@newportbeachca.gov at 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Project File No.: PA2024-0140

Activity: Coastal Development Permit

Zone: Public Facilities (PF)

General Plan: Public Facilities (PF)

Coastal Zone: Public Facilities (PF)

Coastal Land Use: Public Facilities (PF)

Location: 100 East Balboa Boulevard

Applicant: Tom Sandefur, Public Works Department

Leilani I. Brown, MMC, City Clerk, City of Newport Beach

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