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PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item _____
June 4, 2019

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

FROM: Public Works Department / Municipal Operations Division
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TITLE: Appeal of Denial for Special Tree Removal Request – 1710 Candlestick Lane

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that PB&R Commission consider the appeal of staff's denial of the removal of a Special City Lemon-scented Gum tree located in front of 1710 Candlestick Lane.

DISCUSSION:

City Council Policy G-1, Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees, allows the PB&R Commission to act upon an appeal to remove Special City trees. On April 18, 2018, property owner, John Devine, contacted the City to request the removal of a Lemon-scented Gum tree in front of 1710 Candlestick Lane due to messiness caused by sap exuding from the tree.

The City Arborist inspected the tree on May 2, 2019 and determined the Gum tree does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy. The sap is likely due to increased rain and irrigation leading to rapid growth. Historically, the tree has caused damage to City curb, gutter and sidewalk. However, these infrastructures have either been mitigated or replaced. Mr. Devine was informed and advised of the City Arborist's findings, and that he could appeal staff's decision to the PB&R Commission. If approved, Mr. Devine has voluntarily agreed to fund the removal and the replacement with a 60-inch box tree from the Parkway Tree Designation List. Attached are the Tree Removal Review and Tree Inspection Report.

NOTICING:

John Devine, Council Member Duffy Duffield, and Mariners Community Association have received a copy of this report. Additionally, surrounding property owners, map attached, were notified via postcard of the Commission Meeting related to this appeal of staff's denial of the removal request. The tree was posted with the attached poster regarding the removal request.

Attachments:

- A. Tree Removal Application
- B. Tree Removal Review and Tree Inspection Reports
- C. Map highlighting surrounding property owners notified of the Commission Meeting
- D. Postcard Notification
- E. Tree Poster