Synopsis

Marine Avenue Street Tree Evaluation Prepared by Greg Applegate RCA #365
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- Applegate's overall assessment is that Marine Ave trees are stable.
- Compared to most other common urban street trees Lemon gums, red gums, flooded gums and Silver Mountain gums have very few bad characteristics and more good characteristics, such as less pavement lifting and sign blockage.
- Lemon gums, red gums, flooded gums and Silver Mountain gums do not commonly shed large branches and toppling is very rare unless there is girdling or other root defects.
- The majority of Marine Ave trees are rated in Good to Fair health (B & C) with "adequate to continued life"
- Trees that are rated D are still recoverable.
- There are a few trees recommended for monitoring due to their current "tree well" space.
- Two eucalyptus and two other tree species are recommended for removal, they are tree #11, tree #19, tree #32 and tree #41.
- Certain trees are listed in the report as not recommended for tree replacements.
- Marine Ave trees have adapted to their unique coastal and sandy soil environment.
- Some of the damage to the trees are from the city's poor maintenance over the years and current efforts to 'dress up' the tree wells (Astro Turf).
- There are several items that needs to be addressed immediately for maintaining the health of the trees, such as removal of the plastic Astro Turf and brick inlay, and proper pruning.
- Much attention has been given in the report to techniques and standards to preserve the trees health, especially during times of construction and pruning.
- Unless any tree is noted as an immediate danger, D rated trees do not necessarily need to be removed -- but monitored.

Marine Avenue - Street Tree Evaluation

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Introduction

Project Background

Through a funding effort from the Balboa Island community, this report was requested to assess the existing trees on Marine Ave, Balboa Island's main street which is a 101-year-old historical icon in Newport Beach. As the City of Newport Beach considers repairing and improving the street and sidewalks of Marine Avenue, serious commitment and diligence to protect the existing trees will be critical for the desired longevity of these trees. A group of local citizens, led by a resident of Balboa Island, are concerned that the Landmark/Neighborhood trees along this street could be threatened with future improvements or repair of Marine Avenue.

The overall study area consists of the east and west sides of Marine Avenue, along the 200 and 300 blocks. Only street trees are included, mostly Lemon gum, *Corymbia citriodora*, and several other species of eucalypts noted in the matrix, in addition to three small trees recently planted, a ginkgo, a water gum and an African tulip tree. The land use along Marine Avenue is mostly a retail and restaurant district that is supported by residents, local visitors and tourists.

Assignment

Arborgate Consulting was asked to provide an independent tree assessment to include arboricultural inventory and evaluation of the eucalypts along Marine Avenue, including their common name, botanic name, block address, DBH, height, evaluation of their current health and structure, and recommendations to improve their health and extend their lives. If accurate historical data is provided, age and longevity will be discussed.

Arborgate Consulting will also provide a separate rating of how each tree is fulfilling the goal of being a public "street tree" relating to size compared to opening, scale, litter and risk.

Arborgate Consulting will also provide a discussion of the general environmental conditions the trees are currently in, along with various suggestions and changes to ensure the longevity of each tree.

Past and recent pruning will be evaluated, and recommendations made according to current pruning standards.

Recommendations of replacement eucalypts to plant in the current open tree wells or for trees that may be removed in the future that are similar in appearance to the historical nature of Marine Avenue; a 101-year-old street.

I want to mention that the evaluations and recommendations in this report have taken place prior to any repair or construction effort near the trees. This assignment did not include a hazard analysis. All trees that are preserved in the sidewalks should have a risk assessment performed by a tree risk assessment qualified arborist or registered consulting arborist versed in risk analysis, after work on the site is completed. Keep in mind that hazard analysis is an assessment, not a certainty.

Discussion

Preservation Decisions

The approach of this report is to address the best methodology for the preservation of the existing trees, minus a few exceptions, as noted. It is the privilege of the City to take the information provided herein and make design decisions appropriate to the overall goal in preserving the desired trees, as well as reconsider how these trees have previously been maintained and pruned. My original task was to provide unbiased and independent data in the evaluation of each tree on Marine Avenue. Also included herein are suggestions to help any future trees retain a similar historical look and live to their fullest life expectancy.

In the opinion of this consultant, if one species is chosen as a replacement tree and to be the dominant one, the lemon gum is the species in the best condition and health, as well as causing the least root damage for streets and sidewalks for its size. Compared to many species, its roots are finer and taper more rapidly than other similar size trees.

As noted in the matrix, there are 24 lemon gums, 5 Silver Mountain gums, 5 flooded gums, 2 willow peppermint, 2 red gums and one spotted gum. Many of the trees had no seed capsules, which is helpful in determining the exact species identification. The diversity of the varied eucalyptus planted on Marine Avenue is hard to explain. Some may be nursery or contractor error when purchased. Some may have been experimentation. Of the larger Landmark trees, the lemon gums have performed better than the red gum or flooded gum. Both the red gum and flooded gums grew larger and faster, and as a result have caused more

sidewalk or curb damage. The willow peppermints have done well, but they are younger and have a different look. The Silver Mountain gums are generally healthy, but are causing proportionately more sidewalk damage, though a minor issue currently.

As a side note, about ten years ago lemon gums and spotted gums were attacked by a lerp psyllid, but there never was as much death or health impact as the lerp psyllid that attacked the red gums and flooded gums. Both psyllid species have been controlled biologically by predatory wasps. There have been occasional flare ups on the red gums and flooded gums, but still less damage now for the lemon gums and spotted gums. An arborist or urban forester would suggest that some diversity of eucalyptus species would provide better pest and disease resistance and spread the risk if a severe pest or disease does infect one or the other. This is not a significant issue for the lemon gum psyllid, since neither lemon gums or spotted gums had a serious pest in the first place, and now it seems to be even better controlled. Even if all the trees were lemon gums, the impact would not be as great, due to Marine Avenue being only two blocks long.

All street trees have shorter life spans than trees in parks or more open spaces. The obvious reason is they have less root space than park trees or residential trees. In addition, they tend to be planted as a more uniform monoculture, which tends to lead to more severe pest damage. However, if the City wanted to plant more than one species on this short street, there are several that have similar appearance. One species could be planted on one side and another on the other side or alternating. However, considering the small number of trees, a monoculture is not really a drawback on Marine Avenue.

Tree Health

No pathology samples have been taken from the trees recommended for retention or removal. No symptoms of pest or disease were observed, other than an unusual gall like growth on the tree by address 201. The health of a few trees is reduced by limited root space in very small sidewalk cutouts and by excessive pruning and lion-tailing of trees, as noted previously.

The irrigation schedule of these trees is unknown and not considered, but could also impact tree health, especially in a more severe climate. It is important that the trees receive some type of regular water such as access to rain water, irrigation or street cleaning with cool chemical free water. The effects of flooding in the soil during a king tide is also unknown and not considered. To date, the existing mature trees seem to have adapted to their unique environment and have fared well other than from external forces such as pruning, root hindrance and occasional storms and sheer winds.

It should be noted that not all trees species adapt well to street environments. Newly planted trees take time to establish and are more vulnerable to disease and creating a strong and sturdy root system. In addition, other species can have a more aggressive root system doing early damage to sidewalks and streets, a higher canopy making maintenance more difficult, less drought tolerant, etc. Determining the best street trees for specific areas takes professional skill by a local horticulturist or experienced registered consulting arborist.

Root Cutting

A remaining issue not considered in this report is whether the remaining trees will be made unstable or unsafe by any future sidewalk construction or replacement. In order to repair the lifted portions of the sidewalk some amount of root cutting will be necessary. This cutting will affect the health of the trees, and to minimize the impact on tree health it should be scheduled for the spring season. Any root cutting should be supervised by at least a certified arborist who must determine the safe limits of root cutting. If there is a small amount of discretion given to the supervising certified arborist in the size and shape of the sidewalk cutouts, more trees can be retained and stabilized. Do not cut roots on the windward side closer than five times the trunk diameter or larger than one third the trunk diameter. Since winds can come from various directions, do not cut any other roots closer than four times trunk diameter.

The brick pavers inside the sidewalk cutouts should preferably be removed to provide a more open soil surface and yet minimize the amount of root damage and cutting needed to do so. Overtime, the bricks become impaled within the roots or base of the tree. The artificial turf over the surface of the tree wells also needs to be removed. Both reduce water penetration and gaseous exchange in the root zone. The tree well is the best place for water and air to enter the root zone. Even with the brick and artificial turf removed, the tree wells are small. The trees' root collars should not be covered with artificial turf, decomposed granite, mulch or soil. Other subsurface water sources, such as leaking drain lines, are likely to also be affected by salty sea water. Salt water would be very toxic to these trees.

Species Considerations

The lemon gum, flooded gum, red gum, and Silver Mountain gums have species profiles or fact sheets enclosed in the appendix of this report. Those fact sheets are from EUCLID, Eucalypts of Australia, Fourth Edition. There is also a species profile for willow peppermint, but it is from a variety of sources.

The lemon gum and spotted gum are often considered one species, with subspecies differences. The main difference is the spotted gum does not have a strong citrus odor and the trunk is *more* spotted. The flooded gum and red gum are also often considered one species, with subspecies differences. Red gum is a diverse species, considered by some to have about 50 subspecies. Some consider the flooded gum to be one of the subspecies. Silver Mountain gum is also diverse and has a number of subspecies, and in this country the subspecies have cross-bred and produce a variety of forms even from seed from the same tree.

The various eucalyptus species have differing failure profiles and differing types of litter. All trees, including eucalyptus, are likely to shed small internal or external branches that are shaded out or broken in storms. Different species also have different seed capsules, varying is size from less than a quarter inch to over one inch in size. Some eucalypts shed their bark and some have permanent bark. Lemon gums, red gums, flooded gums and Silver Mountain gums all have relatively small seed capsules. The shedding of bark and small branches does not usually create a significant risk. Compared to most other common urban street trees they have very few bad characteristics and more good characteristics, such as less pavement lifting and sign blockage. In more commonly overcast areas like this, they also let in more light. Lemon gums and spotted gums are not significantly messier than other trees. More importantly, they do not commonly shed large branches and toppling is very rare unless there is girdling or other root defects.

Protection of Trees and Demolition

The demolition phase of streets and sidewalk replacement is when trees are more apt to be damaged. Removal of existing paving must be well supervised and skillfully done. A skilled backhoe operator can peel the concrete back in larger sections without doing as much damage to the roots just below, compared to workers with sledge hammers and wheel-barrows or bucket loaders scooping up large sections. After the old concrete is removed and roots are exposed, the contractor should be prepared to immediately protect the roots from drying out until the new paving is installed.

Since the trees here are growing close together, the roots are likely to be intertwined and fused together, if they are the same species. If one or the other adjoining tree is removed, a considerable effort must be made to remove as much of the roots with the tree being removed without damaging the roots of the tree to remain. It would be helpful if the supervising arborist has enough expertise to identify the roots of each species and distinguish one from the other. It will also require some special

tools, such as an AirSpade to blow the soil away and expose more of the roots. A Sawzall would also be useful to make clean cuts in confined areas without ruining the more expensive blade of a chain saw. Smaller roots can be cut cleanly with loppers or a fine bladed hand saw. Cut root ends need to be protected from drying out.

Construction sites are hazardous places for trees. Contractors are not typically aware of the needs of trees. Mechanical injuries are common and if there is irrigation, it may be interrupted for some period of time. It has been my experience that if the trees to remain are not physically protected by chain link fencing or other barriers, or at least trunk protection, contractors often cause serious damage to the exposed parts.

The most liberal standard for how close to the trunk roots can be cut without destabilizing the trees is three times trunk diameter. The author of the research behind that, Dr. Tom Smiley, a prominent arborist and tree preservationist, advised others to use five times trunk diameter for more urban trees.

For the best results, roots of eucalypts should only be cut in Spring. If the roots are cut in spring, they will have more time to recover before the next Santa Ana winds. Please also see the tree preservation recommendations to follow.

Protection of the Sidewalks

There may be some places where lineal root barriers can be used to protect the new paving or foundations, but the top edge must be left visible and not protruding above the sidewalk surface. To install root barriers around existing trees will necessitate cutting too many roots. Root barriers are typically used for new tree installations only. When root barriers limit the spread of roots they also limit root space and shorten tree longevity. They are not a fool-proof solution to preventing sidewalk damage. Roots can and often will come up again to the surface after growing below the bottom edge of the barrier.

To increase the amount of root space and longevity of the trees, I recommend trenching between tree wells. The backfill into these trenches should be amended per an agronomic soil lab's analysis and recommendations and placed at less than 80% compaction. This will require re-engineering the sidewalk above to span the trenches. Recently "Silva-Cells" from DeepRoot Partners, has been used to increase root space and reduce sidewalk damage. However, it requires a fair amount of engineering and an elevated level of care in its installation. Also, Cornell University researched and introduced "structural soil" (aka "gap-graded" soil) for new plantings of urban trees. This is also requires a high level of care in handling so the disparate particle sizes do not settle out. It is also inefficient in that roots cannot use the space occupied by the gravel, only the soil in-between.

Trenching on the other hand is fairly low tech in the field, only requiring re-engineering the paving above. Trenching can also be used with existing street trees. The most principal element in applying it is to know the location of underground utilities. It is possible to use an infrared detector prior to a construction effort.

Please refer to *Reducing Infrastructure Damage by Tree Roots*, by Costello, L.R. and Jones, K.S., available through the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (530) 892-1118.

Findings

General Conditions Affecting Tree Health and Condition

Marine Avenue, on the 200 and 300 blocks contains forty street trees, mostly lemon gums, *Corymbia citriodora*, that could be affected by repair and or construction of the main street or sidewalks. Many of the mature trees appear to be Landmark Heritage trees, however, a number of new trees have been planted since the first ones were installed. The condition of these trees in the sidewalk cutouts represents a mix of tree types and therefor require a different quality of care. The primary cultural issues affecting their condition and health are:

- Small sidewalk cutouts containing mature size trees,
- Brick paving within the tree well,
- Artificial turf over the root crowns and tree well,
- Water restrictions or drought.
- Excessive pruning and lion-tailing (inner branch removal)

Due to 30 plus years of less than ideal care, most of the trees need corrective pruning. A couple flooded gums, *E. rudis*, and red gums, *E. camaldulensis*, have nearly outgrown their tree wells, and a few Silver Mountain gums, *E. polyanthemos*, are lifting the paving. In addition, the removal of the inner branches has resulted in poor limb taper, and excessive end weight and wind load. This is a very destructive practice, decried by most pruning standards. Removing the secondary inner branching is what is termed “lion-tailing”. This puts the weight and wind load further out toward the branch ends. This also results in increased chance of limb failure due to the more erratic limb movement in the wind. Note in the photographic documentation the frequent occurrences of lion-tailing of the existing trees.

As various trades work on site, the adjoining trees are apt to be damaged, particularly in the root zones, and that could be covered over by workmen who are completely unaware of future problems.

Botanic / Common Name Cross-reference

Corymbia citriodora	Lemon gum
Corymbia maculata	Spotted gum
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	Red gum
Eucalyptus nicolai	Willow peppermint
Eucalyptus polyanthemos	Silver mountain gum
Eucalyptus rudis	Flooded gum
Ginkgo biloba	Maiden hair tree
Spathodea campanulata	African tulip tree
Tristaniopsis laurina	Water gum

Matrix of Individual Findings

Tree #	Species	DBH	Ht.	Health	Structure	Street Tree Qual	Root area condition	Past pruning	Foliage density	Location address	Comments/
1	Lemon gum	16	40	B	B	A, lifted	Artif turf	Lt	70%	200	adjoining empty well
2	Lemon gum	24	45	C	C	B	Artif turf	Lt	60%	201	gall, cod
3	Red gum	18	35	B	C	B, mLift	Artif turf	Lt	70%	204	Cod
4	Silver Mt. gum	18	50	C	B	C, mLift	Artif turf	top'd? DL	50%	206	
5	Lemon gum	17	50	C	C	B	Artif turf	Lt	50%	207	Cod
6	Lemon gum	18	55	B	B	B, mLift	Artif turf	2long Lt	60%	209	

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7	Lemon gum	18	60	C	C	B	Artif turf	2long Lt	40%	210	
8	Red gum	22	60	C	C	B, over curb	Artif turf	Hd Lt	50%	210	
9	Lemon gum	19	55	C	C	C, poor RF	Artif turf	DL Lt	40%	213	
10	Water gum	2	12	B	C	D, girdled	Artif turf	Flush cut	80%	213½	Cod inc. Suggest Replace
11	Silver Mt. gum	6	25	D	C	C	Artif turf	DL Lt	15%	216	Suggest Replace
12	Lemon gum	11	50	C	B	B	Artif turf	Lt	70%	217	
13	Lemon gum	13	40	D	C-	C	Artif turf	Lt	20%	217	Cod
14	Lemon gum	15	50	C	C-	B, poor RF	Artif turf	2long DL Lt	50%	218	Cod
15	Lemon gum	21	55	B	C	B, mLift	Artif turf	2long DL Lt	70%	218	
16	Lemon gum	7	40	C	B	B	Artif turf	Lt	40%	220	
17	Lemon gum	8	40	C	C	B	Artif turf	Lt	40%	222	Cod
18	Lemon gum	16	50	B	B	B	Artif turf	2long Lt	60%	223	
19	Red gum	30	70	C	C	C, lifted	Artif turf	2long Lt	50%	224	Cod..
20	Silver Mt. gum	17	30	B	C	B, 1sRF	Artif turf	OP Lt	60%	225	Cod
21	Lemon gum	16	45	B	B	B	Artif turf	DL Lt	50%	300	
22	Lemon gum	21	50	B	C	B	Artif turf	Lt	60%	301	3-4” break, adjoining empty well
23	Lemon gum	10	40	B	B	B	Artif turf	Lt	60%	304	
24	Lemon gum	11	40	C	C	B	Artif turf	DL Lt	20%	306	Remove HANGER
25	Lemon gum	21	40	C	C	B	Artif turf	2long DL Lt	50%	307	
26	Spotted gum	12	40	C	B	B	Artif turf	Lt	40%	308	
27	Flooded gum	9	20	C-	C	C	Artif turf	Lt	20%	311	Cod
28	Flooded gum	12	25	C-	C-	C, 1sRF	Artif turf	DL Lt	30%	312	lean 1s

Tree #	Species	DBH	Ht.	Health	Structure	Street Tree Qual	Root area condition	Past pruning	Foliage density	Location address	Comments/
29	Silver Mt. gum	22	55	B	C	C, mLift	Artif turf	DL Lt	70%	313	
30	Lemon gum	19	60	C	C	B	Artif turf	2long DL Lt	40%	313	
31	Lemon gum	11	45	C-	C	C	Artif turf	DL Lt	20%	315	1s Curved, self-optimizing
32	African tulip tree	3	11	B	B	C	open soil	none	100%	316	Suggest Replace
33	Lemon gum	12	40	C	C	C, poor RF	Artif turf	2long Lt	60%	318	Trunk injury
34	Lemon gum	12	40	C	C-	C, poor RF	Artif turf	Lt	50%	319	Trunk bowed
35	Willow peppermint	10	26	B	B	B	Artif turf	Hd DL	80%	321	
36	Lemon gum	8	40	B	C	B	Artif turf	Lt	60%	322	
37	Willow peppermint	9	24	B	C	B	Artif turf	Hd Lt	70%	323	Cod inc
38	Silver Mt. gum	15	50	B	B	B, mLift	Artif turf	Hd Lt	70%	325	
39	Empty well	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	326	
40	Flooded gum	12	30	C-	C	C, mLift	Artif turf	Hd DL Lt	40%	326	
41	Maiden hair tree	1	11	C	A	C	open soil	none	60%	326	Burned leaves. Suggest Replace
42	Flooded gum	13	40	C	B	C	Artif turf	DL Lt	40%	327	
43	Lemon gum	8	40	B	B	B	Artif turf	Lt	70%	333	

Rating System

The rating of health uses typical school grades of A, B, C, D or F.

"A" = excellent health, not excessive, but having good foliage color, leaf size, canopy density, and twig elongation.

"B" = good health, not excessive, having good foliage color, average leaf size and density, and twig elongation.

"C" = fair health, little or no dieback, fair leaf color, size and density, adequate to continued life.

"D" = poor health, some dieback or poor leaf color, size and/or density, presently declining, but recoverable.

"F" = dead or dying, with little or no chance of recovery.

The rating of structure also uses typical school grades of A, B, C, D or F.

"A" = excellent structure, ideal for the species, little or no risk of failure.

"B" = good structure, not more than minor defects in attachment, limb taper or length and no significant decay.

"C" = fair structure, adequate branch attachment, taper, no significant decay, but correctible defects.

"D" = poor structure, some defects or decay, but acceptable risk level, with corrective pruning

"F" = hazardous and likely to drop limbs or topple, not correctible.

The trees were measured by their trunk diameter at 4.5 feet above grade (DBH – diameter at breast height). DBH measurements were made using calipers or Biltmore stick. Height was estimated.

Abbreviations Used in the Above Matrix

1s = one-sided
Cod = codominant
Cr = crowded limbs, roots or canopies
Db = dieback
DBH = trunk diameter at 4.5 feet above grade.
Dk = decay
DL = dog leg
Epi = epicormic shoots
Hd = headed
Inc = included bark
Inj = injury (Tinj=trunk injury, Binj=basal injury)
2long = excessive limb length
Lt = lion tailed
OP = over pruned
RF = root flare, aka root crown
Sh = shallow rooted.
Sp = sparse
TD = tear down
TO = tear out
Top'd = topped
Xing = crossing branches

Recommendations

Pruning

Lion-tailing leads to thinner limbs, longer limbs with less taper, a longer lever arm and a greater chance of breaking. This is true for all trees, but it seems more problematic here and now, because now that they are larger and older, the standard practice would be to reduce the length of the limbs. If all the inner branches have been removed, there is no good place to cut back to. Some tree trimmers think this is thin pruning and it reduces storm damage. However, research by Ed Gilman and others has shown just the opposite. A fuller canopy provides more damping and less damage from fierce winds. It also provides more alternatives when branches do break, or the tree grows old.

Future pruning needs to focus on reducing limb length where they can. Where possible, overly long limbs need to be cut back to inner branches, as long as no more than 30% of the foliage is removed on any one limb. Although heading is also considered a poor pruning practice, as a first step in crown restoration, it could be used to reduce excessive limb length. The shoot growth that will result will then need to be spaced and controlled over the next few years. To increase safety and longevity at the same time, a program of combining the above and with reduction cuts where possible should be followed.

There is no further need for thin-pruning or “lacing”. All work should focus on shortening overly long, end-heavy limbs that have been lion-tailed in the past. This will require good supervision of pruning on each tree. If crews are left to work on their own, they will continue doing what has been done in the past.

Root Pruning Guidelines

Root pruning can be beneficial to a tree's health and stability when it corrects defects, or it can be a disaster waiting to happen, if it is not done with care and the advice of a consulting arborist.

1. These guidelines are general. Distinct species have different root systems and require individual analysis and recommendations. Specific guidelines are found in the section to follow, but since most of the root system is out of sight, expert adjustment may be needed in the field.
2. Maintain as much distance from the trunk of the trees when cutting roots as possible. A common distance to maintain from the trunk is the "dripline". However, this does not consider species differences, upright versus spreading form, or leaning or one-sided trees.
3. Roots should be severed before being removed from the ground. Avoid tearing or damaging the roots back towards the tree trunk. A trencher can be used like a crude chain saw to make a preliminary cut and will not tear roots back like a backhoe would. The final cut should be using loppers, a hand saw or reciprocating saw.
4. Do not crush, shatter, or tear the roots. After making a preliminary cut, make clean, smooth cuts on the exposed roots with clean, sharp tools, to promote callus formation and wound closure.
5. Tool selection is extremely important. Tools must be used properly. Incorrect tool use can cause damage. For example:
   a. Lopping shears can only be used on the smaller diameter roots the cutting head is designed for.
   b. Axes and hatchets tend to shear acceptably only when the root is small enough and the surrounding soil is firm enough the axe can cut through the root in one cutting movement.
   c. Reciprocating saws or chain saws with carbide-tipped teeth are better tools for larger diameter roots. Handsaws can also be used.
6. Wounds may be dressed with a tree rooting hormone compound such as is available at garden centers, but do not use any form of pruning paint.
7. Keep the roots moist during the excavation, pruning, and backfill process. Cover with damp burlap or other material if leaving roots exposed. Cover larger root ends that will remain exposed for more than a day with "Baggies" tied in place or with rubber bands. Be sure to remove the covering just before backfilling. Backfill the excavation as soon as possible and

cover the cut root ends within 15 minutes. After breaking up all clods larger than one-inch and backfilling, soak the soil around roots to avoid leaving air pockets which can desiccate root tissue.

8. Do not fertilize because you have root pruned or even because of a deficiency symptom. Some symptoms may be due more to loss of roots than an actual deficiency. Soil testing would better determine soil deficiencies and additional amendment requirements if necessary. Generally, do not apply fertilizers before new foliar growth is observed.
9. Monitor the trees for changes which may require action, including, but not limited to: decline; increased accumulation of deadwood; radial cracking of the soil around the trunk, leaning or movement in the ground.
10. Please be advised: Should City root pruning work cause the trees to topple, the City may be held liable for the damage caused. There is no substitute for frequent monitoring. It is for this reason I have recommended relatively tough standards.
11. When these standards cannot be met, it is wiser to remove trees than to just hope they survive.

Tree Replacement and Species Selection

The removal of a large mature tree makes people to want to plant a new large tree. Eucalyptus are seldom available in large size and for good reason. A new eucalypt planted from even a 15-gallon container will be outgrown in a year to two by one planted from a one or five-gallon container. In addition, the tree planted from the one or five-gallon container will also have fewer root defects.

Consider that any tree removal is an impediment for replacement trees which will be planted in the exiting tree well. The best option is to keep mature trees and do corrective pruning and leave removal as a last resort. Mature trees have extensive root systems within the tree well and it can take up to 3-5 years before the stumps decompose enough to welcome new tree roots within the same well.

To an arborist, almost no other eucalypt looks like a lemon gum. However, there is some variation within the species and within the closely related spotted gum. There are one or two spotted gums mixed in already. Probably the most appropriate and somewhat available species is *Eucalyptus papuana*., the ghost gum. There are several other smooth bark eucalypts, but their branching pattern and foliage do not match very well. Availability of good nursery stock should be contemplated for future planting as well as consideration of the current well size and speed in which the tree grows. There are hundreds of species that will grow in this area, but few that are suitable. Other possible street tree choices are:

Eucalyptus cladocalyx (large) semi-smooth bark
Eucalyptus leucoxylon (medium) semi-smooth
Eucalyptus maculata (semi-smooth)
Eucalyptus maidenii (medium) smooth
Eucalyptus melliodora (medium) stringy
Eucalyptus papuana (medium) smooth
Eucalyptus pauciflora (medium) semi-smooth
Eucalyptus spathulata (small) rough
Eucalyptus tereticornis (tall-upright) smooth
Eucalyptus tessellaris (medium) smooth with a sock
Eucalyptus torelliana (tall-upright) smooth

Specific Recommendations

Proper pruning and maintenance are of the upmost importance to the health and longevity of these trees. Corrective pruning of the existing trees and appropriate pruning of new trees are recommended. Corrective pruning should begin in early Spring of 2020.

Preserve and protect as many lemon gums as possible.

Consider a certified arborist experienced with tree preservation to monitor and oversee critical tasks during construction or improvement projects.

The removal of any tree should consider the impact of the root system of other nearby trees. Do not cut roots closer than five times the trunk diameter or larger than one-third the trunk diameter on the windward side. On the other sides of the tree do not cut roots closer than four times trunk diameter.

All roots over one inch in diameter must be cut cleanly.

Remove any fill over the original grade the tree first grew at.

No bricks, artificial turf, soil or decomposed granite should be over the root crown.

Remove the brick border around the tree wells.

As much as is safely possible remove all the roots from removed trees without damaging roots from trees to remain. Use an AirSpade or AirKnife to expose the surface roots and determine the identity of the roots to be removed.

Trench between tree wells: Call Dig-Alert to locate all underground utilities before beginning. Use a trencher to dig from each side of the tree well to the corresponding corners of the next tree well. Where possible dig the trenches 30 inches deep and at least 8 inches wide. Any roots over one inch in diameter damaged more than one-third of their diameter must be cut cleanly. Backfill the trenches with amended site soil, per an agronomic soils laboratory. Do not compact soil in the trenches more than 80% Proctor density.

Perform a hazard analysis by a tree risk assessment professional versed in risk analysis after any substantial repair or construction has taken place near the trees.

Specific Suggested Tree Removal

As noted on the Matrix of Individual Findings, there are several trees that have been suggested for removal. The following is a summary of the recommendation:

Tree #8, Red gum, at 210 Marine Avenue: The spread of the roots over the curb is not an immediate issue, but should be monitored to see if there is any movement or separation between the curb and root. If so the tree should be quickly removed.

Tree #10 Water Gum, 213 ½ Marine Ave: Although the health of this newly planted tree is classified as good, and the structure has a few corrective defects, the tree is girdled which means it is essentially strangling itself to death. This could be from planting the tree too deep initially or just not good tree stock. Although pruning of the girdled roots can correct this problem, it will most likely be additionally stressed and diseased by this process. If this young tree could be nursed back to health, it typically is not selected where shops are located as it is a very low growing and dense tree which tends to block street and store signs.

Tree #11 Silver Mountain Gum, 216 Marine Ave: This tree has had excessive pruning and lion tailing which has hindered the health of the tree. As the picture denotes, the leaves are very sparse

Tree #19 Red Gum, 224 Marine Ave: Although this is a beautiful Landmark Tree, unfortunately the tree has outgrown the current tree well and only aggressive cutting of the roots will keep it from growing further into the gutter area. Therefore, it is suggested to remove the tree within 2-3 years.

Tree #32 African Tulip Tree, 316 Marine Ave: The African Tulip Tree is a beautiful tree; however, it is not typically advised for a retail street tree as its root system can be very destructive to streets and sidewalks, more so than most of the existing eucalyptus trees. Consideration of the large flower petals during damp and wet conditions on sidewalks can sometimes be slippery.

Tree #41 Maidenhair Tree, 326 Marine Avenue: The recently planted Maidenhair has considerable leaf burn. Although not verified, it appears this particular tree could be a female versus the typically planted male species. I would not recommend a female Maidenhair, as this is a particular messy tree that excessively sheds leaves and berries, in fact, female Ginkgo's trees are called stink bombs because their fruit is extremely foul smelling.

Tree Preservation Specifications

1. Protection Barrier: A protection barrier should be installed between the tree or trees to be preserved and the sidewalk. The barrier shall be constructed of durable fencing material, such as chain-link fencing. The barrier shall be placed as far from the base of the tree(s) as possible. The fencing shall be maintained in good repair throughout the duration of the project, and shall not be removed, relocated, or encroached upon until work is complete.

2. When fencing is not possible, protect the trunks by wrapping them with two layers of carpet remnants eight feet up from the soil. Secure the carpet in place by placing four to six 2s4's vertically around the trunk against the carpet and banding in place.

3. Storage of Materials: There shall be NO storage of materials or supplies of any kind near the trees or within the area of the protection barriers. Concrete and cement materials, stone, sand and soil shall not be placed within the drip-line of the tree.

4. Fuel Storage: Fuel storage shall NOT be permitted within 50 feet of any tree to be preserved or on private property. Refueling, servicing and maintenance of equipment and machinery shall NOT be permitted within 50 feet of trees to remain or on private property.

5. Debris and Waste Materials: Debris and waste from construction or other activities shall NOT be permitted within protected areas. Wash down of concrete or cement handling equipment shall NOT be permitted within 50 feet of trees or on private property. Be careful not to rinse acid wash, retarder or other compounds into the tree wells.

6. Grade Changes: Any grade changes proposed near the trees should be at the edge of the sidewalk or approved by a Registered Consulting Arborist before grading begins, and precautions taken to mitigate potential injuries. Grade changes can be particularly damaging to trees. Even as little as two inches of fill can cause the death of a tree. Lowering the grade can destroy major portions of a root system.

7. Damages: Any tree damages or injuries should be reported to the City representative or the project arborist as soon as possible. Severed roots shall be pruned cleanly to healthy tissue, using proper pruning tools. Broken branches or limbs shall be pruned according to International Society of Arboriculture Pruning Guidelines and ANSI A-300 Pruning Standards.

8. Preventive Measures: Two to four days before construction begins, deep irrigation of the trees to remain is recommended to retain or improve tree vigor and health. Any essential clearance pruning of the tree canopies and branches should be done only under the direction of a certified arborist to remove any dead or broken branches. Since most of these trees have been over-lifted, so limit pruning to correcting critical defects and providing adequate clearance.

Disclaimer

The approach of this assessment is to provide current evaluation information and address the best methodology for the preservation of the existing trees, minus a few exceptions as noted. However, even when every tree is inspected, inspection involves sampling, therefore some areas of decay or weakness could be missed. A tree assessment is not the same as a complete tree hazard evaluation which is typically done after improvements and or construction has been applied in and or around the tree roots. Weather, winds and the magnitude and direction of storms are not predictable, and some failures may still occur despite the best application of high professional standards. Construction and future tree maintenance will also affect the trees health and stability and are not under the supervision or scrutiny of this consultant. Continuing construction activity such as paving, grading and trenching will also affect the health and safety, but are unknown and unsupervised by this consultant. This consultant does not assume liability for any tree failures involved with this property.

Appendix

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A. Resume

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International Society of Arboriculture, Certified Tree Risk Assessor PCN-444

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Applegate is an independent consulting arborist. He has been in the horticulture field since 1963, providing professional arboricultural consulting since 1984 within both private and public sectors. His expertise includes appraisal, tree preservation, diagnosis of tree growth problems, construction impact mitigation, environmental assessment, expert witness testimony, hazard evaluation, pruning programs, species selection and tree health monitoring.

Mr. Applegate has consulted for insurance companies, schools, colleges, universities, major developers, theme parks, homeowners, homeowners' associations, landscape architects, landscape contractors, property managers, attorneys and governmental bodies.

Notable projects on which he has consulted are: Disneyland, California Adventure, Disneyland Hotel, Disney's Wild Animal Kingdom, DisneySeas-Tokyo, Knott's Berry Farm, Newport Coast, Crystal Court, Newport Fashion Island, The Bonadventure Hotel and Volt Headquarters-interior planting, Big Canyon Golf Course, Oakcreek Golf Course, Tustin Ranch windrows, Laguna Canyon Road and Myford Road for The Irvine Company, Hillcrest Park-Fullerton, Westpark-Irvine community parks, Barlow Hospital, Bullocks-Palm Desert, Loyola Marymount University, UCI, USC, Inland Empire Shopping Center, Universal City Station/MTA tree inventory, tree selection for the Expo Line, and the State of California review of the Landscape Architecture License exam (plant materials portion)

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture,
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 1973
Arboricultural Consulting Academy (by ASCA)
Arbor-Day Farm, Kansas City 1995
Continuing Education Courses in Arboriculture
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA), Registered Member
American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Full Member
International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Regular Member
International Palm Society (IPS), Member
California Tree Failure Report Program, UC Davis, Participant
Street Tree Seminar (STS), Associate Member

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS:

Horticulture Advisory Committee, Saddleback College (1988 until present)
Landscape Architecture License Exam, Reviewer, Cal Poly Pomona (1986-90)
American Institute of Landscape Architects (L.A.) Board of Directors (1980-82)
California Landscape Architect Student Scholarship Fund – Chairman (1985)

B. Glossary

ANSI-A300 American National Standards Institute performance standards for the care and maintenance of trees, shrubs and other woody plants. Copies are available from International Society of Arboriculture bookstore 888-ISA-TREE

ANSI-Z60-1 American National Standards Institute standards sizing and describing trees, shrubs and other nursery stock.

Arboricultural Pertaining to the awareness, care, evaluation, identification, growing, maintenance, management, planting, selection, treatment, understanding, valuation and so forth of trees and other woody plants and their growing environments, particularly in shade and ornamental (non-crop/commodity) settings.

Arboriculture The selection, cultivation, and care of trees, vines, and shrubs.

Arborist A person possessing the technical competence through experience and related training to provide for or supervise the management of trees or other woody plants in a landscape setting.

ASCA The American Society of Consulting Arborists, Inc. a professional society, as described in its by-laws.

Backfill The soil returned to a planting hole after planting, sometimes amended, sometimes not.

Bark Tissue on the outside of the vascular cambium. Bark is usually divided into inner bark - active phloem and aging and dead crushed phloem - and outer bark.

Branch angle The angle of attachment between two branches.

Caliper Diameter of a nursery-grown or small size tree trunk. Larger trees are usually measured at 4ð feet (see DBH) Trees with calipers 4 inches and below are measured at 6 inches above grade(ANSI Z60-1-1990) Trees above 4 inches, but still transplantable are measured at 12 inches above grade.

Canopy The live, foliage-bearing part of a tree.

Chlorotic Lacking in chlorophyll, typically yellow or yellowish in color.

Codominant Leaders equal in size and relative importance, developed from 2 apical buds at the top of a stem. Each codominant stem is an extension of the stem below it. There are no branch collars or trunk collars at the bases of codominant stems.

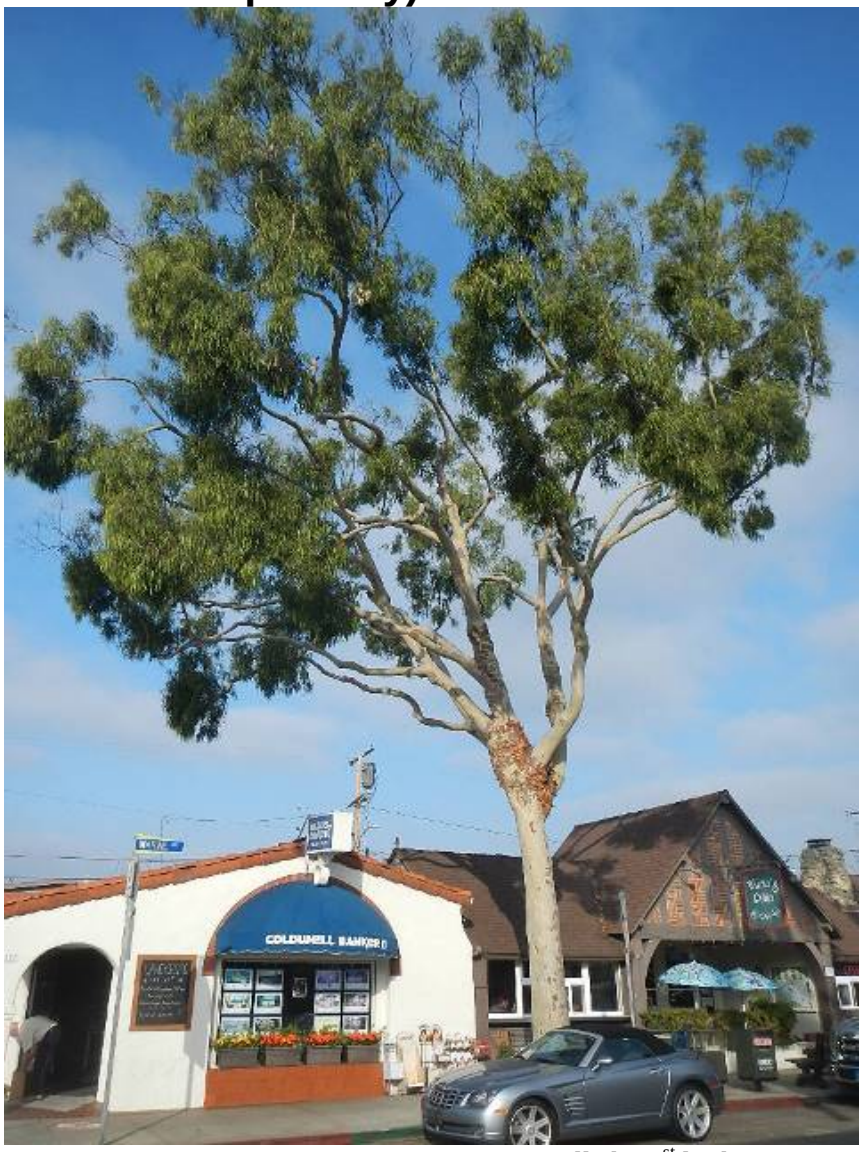
Compaction (Soil Compaction) The compression of soil, causing a reduction of pore space and an increase in the bulk density of the soil. Tree roots cannot grow in compacted soil.

Crown	The upper portions of a tree or shrub, including the main limbs, branches, and twigs.
Cultivar	A cultivated variety. Maybe a field selection or a horticultural variety that has originated and persisted under cultivation. Usually enclosed in single quotes after the genus and species names.
DBH	Diameter of the trunk, measured at breast height or 54 inches above the average grade. See caliper.
Decay	Progressive deterioration of organic tissues, usually caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, resulting in loss of cell structure, strength, and function - in wood, the loss of structural strength.
Decline	Progressive reduction of health or vigor of a plant.
Dieback	Progressive death of buds, twigs and branch tissues, on individual limbs, or throughout the canopy.
Epicormic	Epi - upon; cormic - stem. Branches that are upon the stem, i.e. sprouting from either dormant buds in the cambial zone, or from buds sprung anew from ray traces. Epicormic shoots are a sign that energy reserves have been lowered.
Fertilization	The process of adding nutrients to a tree or plant; usually done by incorporating the nutrients into the soil, but sometimes by foliar application or injection directly into living tissues.
Gall	An abnormal, disorganized growth of plant tissues, caused by parasitic or infectious organisms such as insects, fungi, bacteria, or viruses.
Girdled	The most common cause of stem girdling roots, is that they develop as a result of trees being planted too deeply. When root systems are buried, less oxygen and water is available. The roots will grow up towards the surface of the soil and tend to encircle the trunk.
Grading	Also Regrading. Intentional altering of topography and soil levels, using machinery.
Heritage tree (s)	A heritage tree is typically a large, individual tree with unique value, which is considered irreplaceable. The major criteria for heritage tree designation are age, rarity, and size, as well as aesthetic, botanical, ecological, and historical value
Heading	Pruning techniques where the cut is made to a bud, weak lateral branch or stub.
Included bark	Bark or cortex tissue that is included or trapped between close-growing branches. Usually found in narrow or tight crotches.
Landmark tree(s)	A tree or group of trees determined by the city council to be a significant community benefit. Landmark trees have historical significance, and or contribute to, and give character to a location or to an entire neighborhood.

Limb	A large lateral branch growing from the main trunk.
Lion-tailing	Pruning technique where internal foliage and branches are removed, leaving the latter concentrated at branch ends.
Mulch/Mulching	Substances spread on top of the ground to conserve water, protect against erosion, retain moisture, and protect the roots of trees from heat, cold or drought. The substances are typically organic, such as compost, manure or bark chips.
Root collar	The basal area of the tree; transition zone from trunk to root. Also sometimes called trunk flare.
Root crown	Area at the base of a tree where the roots and stem merge (synonym – root collar)
Root flare	Area at the base of a trunk where the roots attach and flare out.
Root system	The portion of the tree containing the root organs, including buttress roots, transport roots, and fine absorbing roots; all underground parts of the tree.
Root zone	The area and volume of soil around the tree in which roots are normally found. May extend to three or more times the branch spread of the tree, or several times the height of the tree.
Scaffold limb	Primary structural branch of the crown.
Sprout	Also water sprout. A shoot or stem that grows from the bark of a tree; adventitious or secondary growth.
Street tree	A tree growing adjacent to dedicated roadways and within the city's right of way.
Stress	"Stress is a potentially injurious, reversible condition, caused by energy drain, disruption, or blockage, or by life processes operating near the limits for which they were genetically programmed." Alex Shigo
Taper	Relative change I diameter with length - reflects ability of stem or branch to evenly distribute stress.
Topping	Pruning technique to reduce height - heading of large branches.
Trees	An arborescent woody plant, with a single or few trunks near the base
Value	The relative worth, merit, or importance of a thing, expressed as a single point, a range, or a relationship to a benchmark.
Vigor	Active, healthy growth of plants: ability to respond to stress factors.

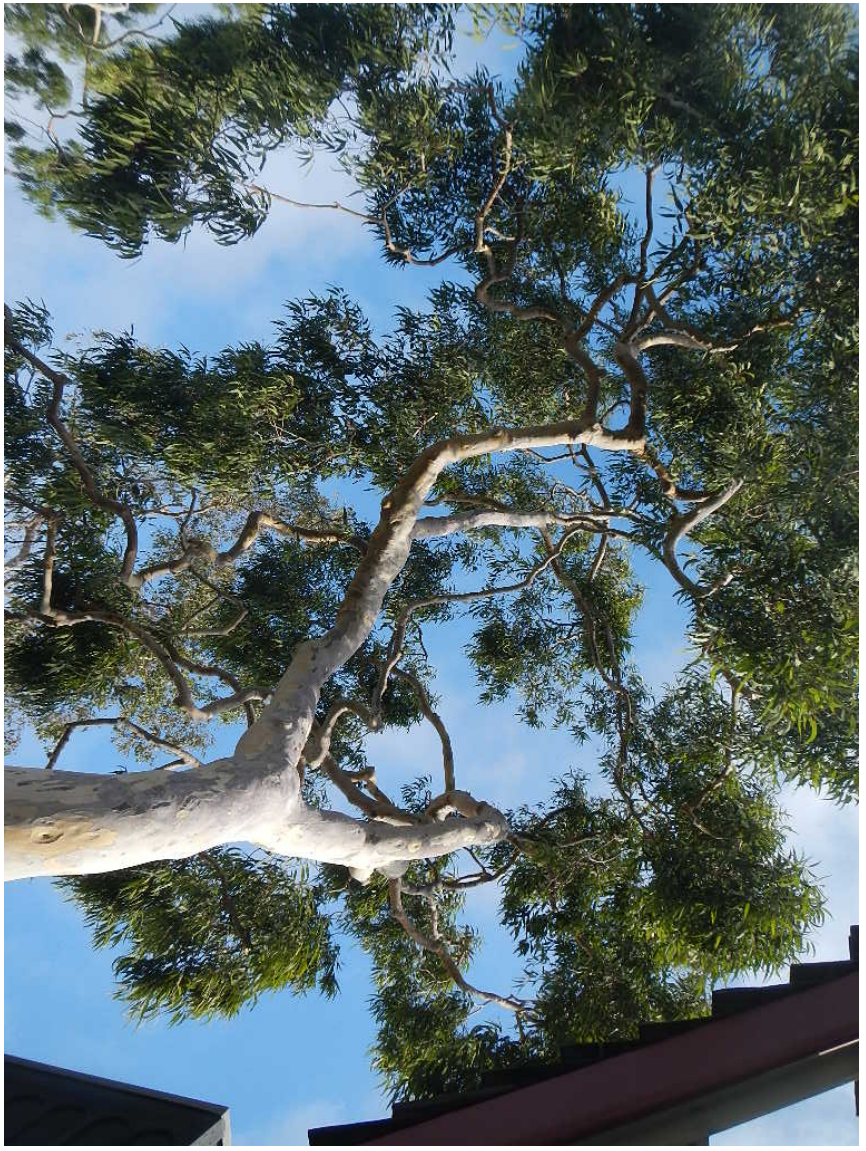
C. Photographic Documentation (partial list for example only)

Lemon gum #1 at 200 Marine Avenue



Lemon gum #2 at 201 Marine Avenue. Note "gall" by 1st limbs.

Red gum #3 at 204 Marine Avenue. Root is okay for now.



Typical canopy density. Note lion-tailing.

Empty tree well at 200 Marine Avenue

Lemon gums #5 and 6 at 207 & 2029 Marine Avenue. Note lion-tailing.

Empty tree well between 201 and 207.

Empty tree well between 201 and 207.

Note bowed trunk and twisted grain (not a serious issue)


New water gum, *Tristaniopsis laurina*, is girdled.

#8 red gum growing over the curb to spread the load, at 210 Marine

#11 Silver Mountain gum at 216 Marine Avenue. (front)

Lemon gum #12. Note lion-tailing

Lemon gum #13. Note lion-tailing. The long, end-heavy limbs need to be shortened.

Lemon gum #16 at 220 Marine Avenue

Lemon gum #18 at 223 Marine Avenue

Silver Mountain gum #20 at 225 Marine

Flooded gum #19 at 224 Marine.

Silver Mountain gum #29 at 313 Marine

Lemon gum #30 at 313 Marine Avenue. Note significant lion-tailing.

Lemon gum #31 at 315 Marine (diagnose stress factors)

Flooded gum #38 by the church.
Turf and bricks smothering roots

Silver Mountain gum #29 at the church.

African tulip tree #32 at 316 Marine.

Lemon gum #31. Note strong lean appears stable due to self-optimizing.

Peppermint willow #35 at 323 Marine

Lemon gum #33 at 318 Marine. Note trunk injuries.
Turf and bricks smothering roots

Peppermint willow #375 at 323 Marine

Flooded gum #42 at 327 Marine.

Flooded gum #40 at 326 Marine.

Flooded gum #38 at 325 Marine. Turf and bricks smothering roots.

Flooded gum #40 at 326 Marine. Note empty tree well in front.

Ginkgo #41 at 326 Marine. Note burned leaves.


Note lifted sidewalk even after new tree is planted.

#43 Lemon gum at 333 Marine

Marine Avenue Species Profiles

Lemon Gum Description

Tree to 50 m tall. Occasionally forming a lignotuber.
Bark smooth throughout, white to pink or coppery, often powdery, shedding in thin curling flakes, mottling of trunk often not pronounced.

Juvenile growth (coppice or field seedlings to 50 cm): stem rounded in cross-section, scabrid; juvenile leaves always petiolate, opposite for 2 or 3 pairs then alternate, ovate to lanceolate, 14–21 cm long, 4.5–8 cm wide, the base usually peltate for many nodes, green; petiole and lamina scabrid for many nodes.

Adult leaves alternate, petiole 1–2.5 cm long; blade narrowly lanceolate to falcate, (7)10–23 cm long, 0.6–2.8(3.5) cm wide, base tapering to petiole, concolorous, glossy, green, strongly penniveined, very densely reticulate, intramarginal vein parallel to and just within margin, oil glands island. Leaves lemon-scented when crushed or not so.

Inflorescences axillary compound, peduncles 0.3–1 cm long; buds 3 per umbel, pedicels 0.1–0.6 cm long. Mature buds obovoid to pyriform, 0.6–1 cm long, 0.5–0.7 cm wide, green to creamy, usually smooth, scar usually absent (outer operculum held to or almost to flowering, operculum scar therefore obvious only at late bud development if at all), operculum rounded to conical or slightly beaked, stamens inflexed, anthers cuboid or cuneate, versatile, dorsifixed, dehiscing by longitudinal slits (non-confluent), style long, stigma blunt or mop-like, locules 3, the placentae each with 5 vertical ovule rows (sometimes indistinct). Flowers white.

Fruit pedicellate (pedicels 0.1–0.7 cm long), urceolate or barrel-shaped, 0.8–1.5 cm long, 0.7–1.2 cm wide, disc descending, valves 3, enclosed.

Seed reddish black, glossy, 2.3–5 mm long, boat-shaped (flattened with a slight dorsal keel), dorsal surface smooth, not winged, hilum ventral.

Cultivated seedlings (measured at ca node 10): cotyledons reniform to orbicular; stems rounded in cross-section, setose/scabrid; leaves always petiolate with peltate insertion of petiole on lamina for at least 15 nodes, opposite for ca 3 pairs then alternating, ovate to lanceolate, 5–15 cm long, 2–8 cm wide, discolorous, dull, green. Leaves setose to scabrid on both sides and on petiole for more than 15 nodes.

Notes

A tall tree from temperate and tropical eastern Australia, found north from Coffs Harbour, New South Wales, throughout coastal and montane eastern and central Queensland inland to Chinchilla, the Carnarvon Range, Great Dividing Range east of Tambo, east from Townsville to Hughenden, and further north to Cooktown and Lakeland Downs on southern Cape York Peninsula. It prefers lighter

loamy soils or skeletal soils and occurs as a component of dry sclerophyll forest and woodlands in hilly country. *Corymbia citriodora* has smooth, uniform to ± mottled bark whitish to coppery in season, and a conspicuously narrow-leaved crown which, in northern populations, is strongly lemon-scented. Pear-shaped buds are borne in clusters of 3 aggregated into compound inflorescences borne in the axils of leaves, whilst fruit are urn-shaped to barrel-shaped and to 0.7-1.2 cm wide and relatively thick-walled. Seeds are flattish and have a median dorsal keel (boat-shaped). Juvenile leaves are setose and have peltate leaf bases.

Corymbia citriodora is very similar to *C. maculata,* differing only in having slightly narrower crown leaves, less mottled bark and juvenile leaves that are still setose to scabrid (feel rough) on comparatively taller coppice growth. In *C. maculata* foliage is never lemon-scented, the juvenile leaves, whilst scabrid at first, soon become smooth on moderately low regrowth, whilst the bark is spotted due to the irregular pattern of shedding. *Corymbia maculata* is found from Taree south to Bega in New South Wales and disjunctly in the Mottle Range in eastern Victoria.

Corymbia citriodora and *C. maculata* both differ from a third species of spotted gum, *C. henryi,* found from the greater Brisbane area in Queensland south to Grafton in New South Wales. *Corymbia henryi,* described by Stan Blake in 1977, has generally larger and coarser juvenile and adult leaves and larger buds and fruit though the ranges in dimensions do overlap. In addition, with *C. henryi* fewer juvenile leaves have peltate leaf-bases than the other spotted gums.

In the classification of Brooker (2000) this species, as *Eucalyptus citriodora,* is placed in *Eucalyptus* subgenus *Corymbia* series *Maculatae* (the spotted gums). In their revision of the bloodwoods and ghost gums Hill & Johnson (1995) named this species *Corymbia citriodora,* in genus *Corymbia* section *Politaria* (the spotted gums).

Hill & Johnson (*ibid.* pages 389–90) segregated another species, *Corymbia variegata,* from *C. citriodora,* on the basis of leaves not being lemon-scented, combined with slight differences in juvenile and adult leaf dimensions and a more southerly distribution (from Coffs Harbour, New South Wales north to Maryborough, Carnarvon Range and Chinchilla in Queensland). McDonald & Bean (2000) reduced the status of *C. variegata* to *C. citriodora* subsp. *variegata* stating that the main difference was the absence of lemon-scent in foliage of subsp. *variegata.* Until quite recently subsp. *variegata* (as *E. variegata* F.Muell.) was regarded as belonging to *E. maculata* (see for example Chippendale (1988), Brooker & Kleinig (1994)). In EUCLID, *C. variegata* is included within a broader concept of *C. citriodora.* Further discussion of the taxonomic background can be found in the references cited. The degree of genetic and morphological difference between these spotted gum species and subspecies is slight indeed and is discussed in some detail in the following references: Lamour *et al.* (2000), Larsen (1965), McDonald *et al.* (2000).

Red Gum Description

Tree to 45 m tall. Lignotuber often absent.
Bark smooth to small branches or with a few rough loose grey basal slabs; smooth bark white, cream and pale grey with yellow, pink or brown patches.

Juvenile stem square in cross-section, sometimes slightly winged; juvenile leaves always petiolate, opposite for 4 to 7 nodes then becoming alternate, lanceolate, 8–18 cm long, 1.3–2.5 cm wide, usually green.

Adult leaves alternate, petiole 0.8–3.3 cm long; blade lanceolate to falcate, 5–30 cm long, 0.7–3.2 cm wide, base tapering to petiole, concolorous, glossy or dull, green or grey-green, side-veins greater than 45° to midrib, moderately to densely reticulate, intramarginal vein parallel to and well removed from margin, oil glands numerous, island, rarely obscure or absent.

Inflorescences axillary unbranched, peduncles 0.5–2.8 cm long; buds 7, 9 or ?11 per umbel, pedicellate (pedicels 0.2–1 cm long). Mature buds ovoid to globular (0.6–0.9 cm long, 0.4–0.6 cm wide), green to yellow or creamy, smooth, scar present, operculum usually prominently beaked (0.3–0.7 cm long), stamens usually inflexed, or sometimes irregularly flexed, anthers cuboid to oblong, versatile, dorsifixed, dehiscing by longitudinal slits (non-confluent), style long, stigma blunt, locules 3 or 4(5) each with 6 vertical ovule rows. Flowers white.

Fruit pedicellate (pedicels 0.3–1.2 cm long), hemispherical, 0.2–0.5 cm long, 0.4–1 cm wide, disc raised and convex or oblique or almost vertical, valves 3 or 4(5), strongly exserted.

Seed yellow, smooth, 1–1.5 mm long, cuboid or pyramidal, hilum terminal.

Cultivated seedling (measured at node 10): cotyledons oblong to slightly reniform; stems square and often winged in cross-section; leaves always petiolate, opposite for 4 to 7 nodes then alternate, lanceolate, 7.5–15.5 cm long, 1.3–4 cm wide, dull, green.

Notes

Eucalyptus camaldulensis is the most widespread species of eucalypt in Australia occurring in every mainland State. It is notably a tree of riverine sites whether of permanent or seasonal water. The species over its whole distribution is distinguished by the seeds which are cuboid, yellow to brownish yellow and have two seed coats (all other red gums have seeds with a single dark brown to black seed coat).

Across its entire range, the operculum shape in *E. camaldulensis* is highly variable. In the past, this character has been used to break up the group into different varieties or subspecies. The entire complex is currently under revision and new varieties or subspecies may be described or extant ones rationalized. Until this work is completed, we have decided to adopt a conservative view of *E. camaldulensis.* At present we recognize the following taxa:

var. camaldulensis
This is the most abundant form of the species in temperate south-eastern Australia and dominates the Murray-Darling river systems, but also occurs on lower Eyre Peninsula, Kangaroo Island, Yorke Peninsula, the south-east of South Australia and the adjacent Glenelg River system and intervening plains of western Victoria, and streams as far east as Sale in eastern Victoria. Var. *camaldulensis* is distinguished by the opercula which are normally strongly beaked and the non-glaucous, green, lanceolate juvenile leaves.

In the upper reaches of the Darling River in New South Wales and into the Moonie–Condamine region of Queensland is a form of *E. camaldulensis* with tapering to weakly beaked buds and non-glaucous juveniles. This form was described as *E. camaldulensis* var. *acuminata*. The authors of EUCLID have tentatively placed this under var. *camaldulensis* until further revisionary work is carried out.

At Mount Macintyre, north-west of Mount Gambier, South Australia, a relatively robust-fruited red gum was described as *Eucalyptus mcintyrensis* in 1922, by J.H. Maiden, with the note "This appears to be a hybrid in which *E. rostrata [=E. camaldulensis]* is concerned. What the other parent is, if it is a hybrid, is less clear. It appears to be *E. ovata*, which is common in the district." Recent collections by the authors of EUCLID of specimens matching both *E. mcintyrensis* and *E. camaldulensis* var. *camaldulensis* from this locality had identical yellow, double-coated seed, and identical uniform progeny (seedlings). On this basis we suggest that *E. mcintyrensis* is a localized aberrant form of *E. camaldulensis* with broader fruit with flatter disc, occurring within a typical *E. camaldulensis* var. *camaldulensis* population, and not a hybrid.

Silver Mountain Gum Description

Tree to 20 m tall. Forming a lignotuber.

Bark smooth throughout or with persistent flakes of rough grey bark at base of trunk only; smooth bark mottled cream, grey, white and yellow; branchlets glaucous or non-glaucous.

Juvenile growth (coppice or field seedlings to 50 cm): stem rounded in cross-section; juvenile leaves always petiolate, opposite for 4 to 6 nodes then alternate, orbicular to broadly ovate, 2.5–8 cm long, 2.5–6.5 cm wide, base truncate, rounded or tapering to petiole, apex emarginate or rounded, green to blue-grey or rarely glaucous.

Crown often of juvenile to intermediate leaves. Crown leaves alternate, petiole 1–2.7 cm long; blade lanceolate to ovate to orbicular, 5–11 cm long, 1.8–5 cm wide, base usually tapering to petiole, concolorous, dull, green to blue-grey or grey-green, or glaucous, side-veins at an acute or wider angle to midrib, densely to very densely reticulate, intramarginal vein well removed from margin and looped, oil glands obscure or intersectional.

Inflorescence terminal compound, peduncles 0.2–1 cm long, buds 7 per umbel, pedicels 0.1–0.5 cm long. Mature buds diamond-shaped to ovoid, 0.3–0.5 cm long, 0.2–0.3 cm wide, scar present, operculum conical or slightly beaked, stamens inflexed, with outer staminodes, anthers adnate, positioned obliquely at filament tip, cuboid to cuneate, dehiscing by terminal pores, style long, stigma blunt or pin-head shaped, locules 3 or 4, the placentae each with 4 vertical ovule rows. Flowers white.
Fruit on pedicels 0.1–0.4 cm long, barrel-shaped to obconical, 0.3–0.6 cm long, 0.3–0.6 cm wide, sometimes slightly glaucous, rim thin, often split, disc descending, valves 3 or 4, enclosed.

Seeds brown or grey, 0.8–1.4 mm long, ovoid or flattened-ovoid, dorsal surface shallowly pitted, hilum ventral.

Cultivated seedlings (measured at ca node 10): cotyledons reniform to oblong; stems rounded to square in cross-section, glaucous or non-glaucous; leaves always petiolate, opposite for 4 or 5 nodes then alternate, ovate to orbicular (to wider than long), 2.5–6 cm long, 2–7.5 cm wide, base truncate to tapering, margin entire, apex rounded to emarginate or pointed, dull, grey-green or glaucous or, rarely, green.

Notes

Eucalyptus polyanthemos is a species of small to medium-sized forest or woodland tree, widespread in far south-eastern Australia from the Central Tablelands and Central Western Slopes of New South Wales to eastern and central Victoria, usually on shallow soils on rising ground. It is easily recognized by the small dull, bluish grey (rarely green in central Victoria) narrowly ovate to more or less orbicular crown leaves and orbicular to broadly ovate bluish grey to glaucous juvenile leaves, terminal inflorescences, ovoid to diamond-shaped buds, stamens inflexed in bud and obconical thin-rimmed fruit. *E. polyanthemos* differs from its closest relative, *E. baueriana*, which has glossy leaves and has a more coastal distribution. Other box species that overlap in distribution and are likely to be confused with *E. polyanthemos* are *E. albens*, which has fusiform buds, larger, more barrel-shaped fruit and large, coarser, ovate juvenile leaves; and *E. melliodora*, which has axillary inflorescences and small elliptical to narrowly ovate juvenile leaves and small, more hemispherical fruit. *E. microcarpa* is easily distinguished from *E. polyanthemos* by its glossy green crown. Another box species superficially very similar to *E. polyanthemos* is the smooth-barked *E. dawsonii* from the upper Hunter Valley area of New South Wales. *E. dawsonii* differs in having irregularly flexed stamens in bud, all anthers fertile, and having adult leaves with intramarginal vein very close to the edge of the leaf (intramarginal vein distant and "looping" in *E. polyanthemos*) .

There are three subspecies of *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*:

subsp. polyanthemos
Has mostly smooth bark throughout, or rough bark only on the base of the trunk with smooth upper trunk and branches, and orbicular to ovate or elliptical-ovate leaves. It is widespread on the Central and Southern Tablelands of New South Wales and adjacent Western Slopes, south from Gulgong and Burrendong.

subsp. vestita
Bark rough over the whole trunk and branches and has leaves similar to subsp. *polyanthemos.* Subsp. *vestita* occurs on hills of central and eastern Victoria from east of Ararat and extends into far southern New South Wales from Albury to Bombala.

subsp. longior
A taller tree of forests in East Gippsland from near Bairnsdale east to the New South Wales – Victoria border region north-east of Cann River. Subsp. *longior* has rough bark and lanceolate adult leaves to 15 cm long and occurs in foothills.

In the classification of Brooker (2000) *Eucalyptus polyanthemos* belongs in *Eucalyptus* subgenus *Symphyomyrtus* section *Adnataria* because the buds have two opercula, ovules are in four rows, seeds are flattened-ovoid, cotyledons are reniform, and anthers are rigid on the staminal filaments. Within section *Adnataria, E. polyanthemos* is part of series *Heterophloiae* having box bark, terminal inflorescences, buds that shed the outer operculum early, stamens inflexed and the outer stamens sterile (staminodes). Other species in this series are *E. rudderi* from the Taree area of the North Coast of New South Wales, *E. baueriana* in southern New South Wales and eastern Victoria, *E. magnificata* from the northern tablelands of New South Wales and southern Queensland, *E. hypostomatica* north from western Sydney to Wattagan State Forest, *E. conica* from the slopes and adjacent tableland areas of New South Wales north from the Weddin Mountains to central Queensland, and *E. fasciculosa* from far western Victoria and south-eastern parts of South Australia. An eighth species in the series, *E. lucens,* is found only west and south-west of Alice Springs.

Rule (2004) recently published a new subspecies *Eucalyptus polyanthemos* subsp. *marginalis* to accommodate non-glaucous depauperate forms of red box found in Victorian box-ironbark woodland especially. We have found over the range of *E. polyanthemos* generally that glaucescence and leaf color is variable within populations and that the erection of a new taxon on this basis is therefore unhelpful. The new name is placed in synonymy with subsp. *vestita* because of the rough bark.

Willow Peppermint Gum Description

Synonym s: *None* **Family: Myrtaceae**

Common name: narrow-leaved black peppermint or willow peppermint, is a Eucalypt tree native to New South Wales. A graceful evergreen, growth on this tree can reach a height of 30' with a spreading crown of 25'-40'. Its leaves are narrow, light green colored and 3"-5" in length, smelling like peppermint. The main trunk is upright and coarse, reddish brown in color. This tree can have a weeping or upright habit, prefers full sun and is drought tolerant once it's established.

It is a long lived tree that grows to 15 meters (49 ft.) in height

The tree grows in shallow, relatively infertile soils overlying shale and slate bedrock usually as part of grassy or sclerophyll woodlands, in association with *Eucalyptus andrewsii* and *Eucalyptus caliginous*.

Distribution is of limited occurrence on the Northern Tablelands, New South Wales, particularly in the Walcha, to Tenterfield, area and to the east. The species is sparsely distributed, but most commonly occurs in the central areas of its range. The entire population is known from less than 40 localities, with most known populations not occurring in the National Parks or State Forest reserve estate.

This tree is very widely planted as an ornamental in south-eastern Australia, the fine, dense foliage being particularly attractive

It was listed as vulnerable in 2008 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Anatomy

Plant Type: Tree

Height Range: 30-50'

Width Range: 25-40'

Foliage: adult leaves are stalked with a narrow-lanceolate shape, the blade is to 6 to 14 centimeters (2 to 6 in) long and 0.5 to 1.2 cm (0.20 to 0.47 in) concolorous and dull, grey-green.

Flowers: White flowers appear in late summer to early autumn.

Fruits: Fruits hemispherical or conical, pedicellate, 3 locular, 2–5 mm long, 3–4 mm diam. Disc flat. Valves exserted. Chaff dimorphic, linear and cuboid, chaff same color as seed.

Bark: fibrous, coarsely fissured longitudinally, yellowish-brown to grey-brown with red-brown under layers becoming smooth and grey on outer branches and shedding in short ribbons.

Culture

Sun: Full

Water: Very low

Growth rate: Fast

Soil Type: Sandy, clay, loam, rocky, unparticular

Soil Condition: Average, Well-drained

Soil pH: Neutral

Sunset Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Spotted Gum and Flooded Gum descriptions are under lemon gum and red gum headings above.

Certification

I, Gregory W. Applegate, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That the statements of fact contained in this report, are true and correct. That the report analysis, opinions, and conclusions are limited only the reported assumptions and limiting conditions, and are my personal unbiased professional analysis, opinions and conclusions.

That I have no present or prospective interest in the vegetation that is the subject of this report, and I have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved.

That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting or a predetermined outcome that favors the cause of the client, or the attainment of stipulated result.

That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed, and this report has been prepared, in conformity with the standards of ASCA and customary arboricultural practice.

That I have made a personal inspection of the plants that are the subject of this report. No one provided significant professional assistance to the person signing this report.

Arborgate Consulting, Inc.
Gregory W. Applegate, CEO _____ Date 12-20-18
Registered Consulting Arborist #365
Certified arborist WE-0180
Certified Tree Risk Assessor PCN-444

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Resume for: Greg Applegate, ASCA

Credentials

American Society of Consulting Arborists - Registered Consulting Arborist #365
International Society of Arboriculture - Certified Arborist #WE-180a
International Society of Arboriculture - Tree Risk Assessment Qualified-PNC-444

Experience

Mr. Applegate is an independent consulting arborist, CEO of Arborgate Consulting, Inc. He has been in the horticulture industry since 1963, providing professional arboricultural consulting since 1984 within both private and public sectors. His expertise includes appraisal, tree preservation, diagnosis of tree and palm problems, decay quantification & evaluation, construction impact mitigation, forensic consulting and testimony, risk evaluation, pruning specifications and supervision, species selection, and tree health monitoring.

Mr. Applegate consults for insurance companies, developers, theme parks, museums, homeowners, homeowners' associations, landscape architects, landscape contractors, property managers, attorneys, schools, universities and governmental bodies.

Notable projects on which he has consulted are: Disneyland, Disneyland Hotel, DisneySeas-Tokyo, Disney's Wild Animal Kingdom, the New Tomorrowland, Disney's California Adventure, Disney Hong Kong project, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, J. Paul Getty Museum, Tustin Ranch, Newport Coast, Crystal Court, Newport Fashion Island Palms, Bixby Ranch Country Club, Playa Vista, MTA Purple and Expo Lines, MWD-California Lakes, Loyola-Marymount campus, Cal Tech, Cal State Long Beach, Pierce College, The Irvine Concourse, UCI, USC, UCLA, LA City College, LA Trade Tech, Riverside City College, Crafton Hills College, and the State of California review of the Landscape Architecture License exam (re: plant materials).

Education

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture,
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona 1973
Arboricultural Consulting Academy (by ASCA)
Arbor-Day Farm, Kansas City 1995
Continuing Education Courses in Arboriculture
required to maintain Certified Arborist status and for ASCA membership

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA), Registered Member
American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Full Member
International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), Regular Member
ASCA 2011 Nominations Committee and A3G appraisal update committee
ASCA, Industry definitions committee 2009-2010
ASCA web site, west coast tree question responder (2007 and continuing)
California Tree Failure Report Program, UC Davis, Participant (1995 to present)
California Oak Foundation, Member (2009 and continuing)
International Palm Society (IPS), Member (1977 and continuing)
Street Tree Seminar (STS), Member (1978 and continuing)

Community Affiliations

Horticulture Advisory Committee, Saddleback College (1988 -1995
SoCalif ASLA visibility committee 1980-82
UCLA Interior Landscape Committee 1987
Landscape Arch. License Exam prep, Instructor, Cal Poly Pomona (1986-90)
American Institute of Landscape Architects Board of Directors (1980-82)
California Landscape Architect Student Scholarship Fund-Chairman (1985)
International Society of Arboriculture-Examiner-tree worker certification (1990)
Guest lecturer at UCLA, Cal Poly, Saddleback College, & Palomar Junior College
The Tree People (2000 and continuing)

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Jodi Patrich
Balboa Island Resident
RE: Tree assessment walk - Marine Ave.
10/04/18

Rick Harlow
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Per the request of Ms. Bole, I was asked to assess the current condition of the 42 street trees along the 2 blocks of Marine Ave. on both sides of the street. Knowing that I would not be able to assess the trees with the detail often used when preparing a formal Tree Report due to my current teaching schedule, I agreed to walk the street and give a professional opinion of the trees and their general health. The opinions generated in my one-hour walk are general in nature.

Observations: The 42 trees observed are comprised of mostly Eucalyptus citriodora (26), Eucalyptus maculata (1) Eucalyptus nicholii (2), Eucalyptus rudus (8), Eucalyptus polyanthemos (2) along with 1 small Ginkgo biloba, 1 Spathodea campanulata, and 1 unknown (Pittosporum sp.) .

Most of the Eucalyptus were in fair to good condition with evidence of some branch tip dieback on several the E. citriodora species. The estimated age was between 70 and 80 years for most of the larger Eucalyptus having grown into their surroundings over that time. There were 4 planting holes vacant. There was also an artificial turf covering over the planting squares covering the soil and wrapping up to the root crown area (trunk flair). I only observed what appeared to be lerp psyllid on one of the E. maculata, but the tree didn't seem to be damaged from the psyllid infestation and was in full leaf. The trees seemed to have been pruned regularly and were not showing any signs of needing structural pruning or maintenance thinning. Evidence of hard root pruning was evident on one tree (see picture) due to proximity to the curb.

Opinions: Branch tip dieback is generally associated with root issues. The trees having grown into their spaces over many decades receive their water mostly when it rains as water percolates through the streets, sidewalks and planter openings. Having 7 of the last 10 years being droughty years with less than normal rainfall, and covering being placed over the planting holes in the last few years, my first guess would be lack of water to the roots as well as the benefits of rainfall leaching any excessive accumulated salts down away from the root systems. There was smaller than expected evidence of heaving and lifting from tree roots on the sidewalks and in the streets.

Eucalyptus are uniquely fast growing and long-lived trees. E. citriodora are known to survive among limiting infrastructure and are not known to damage sidewalks like some other large species. The trees show signs of regular thinning and other than a few branch stubs being left behind on the tree, seem well visited by pruning crews. There were no signs of wood rot diseases that would signal immediate attention or pose a danger.

I feel that the "Astro turf" should be addressed and removed. Tree root crowns need to be exposed to the air and kept dry and injury free and this addition cannot be doing the trees any good and might be contributing to issues mentioned previously.

The trees showing tip dieback should be regularly monitored allowing for proactive decisions to both help the trees and maintain public safety.

A thorough Tree assessment report should be perused prior to any major changes to the trees' surroundings. This would allow full information to any potential concerned parties.

Rick Harlow

Street scene looking North

The worst of the branch observed

Astro turf covering root crown

Root Pruning

Benefits of Marine Ave Trees

The eucalyptus trees on Marine Ave have been designated as Special Trees. Besides providing historical character to Marine Ave since the 1900's, Marine Ave eucalyptus trees provide the following benefits to our community and patrons:

Marine Ave eucalyptus trees provide meaningful association of memories, past events and times.

Eucalyptus are considered a classic Southern California look, dating back to 1865 when William Wolfskill planted the first eucalyptus in Arcadia, California. Also known as arborcal architecture.

Eucalyptus are generally an upright oval tree which makes them a good street tree versus a large round or short growth tree that blocks street signs and store fronts. Our trees retain their leaves year-round providing an ever constant green environment.

Eucalyptus trees are drought tolerant and adapt to harsh conditions. They save water! Eucalyptus are perfect trees for tolerating sandy soil conditions such as on Balboa Island.

Marine Ave Eucalyptus have interesting tree trunks and bark colors, providing unique and majestic features.

Less drainage infrastructure needs. Trees, such as our Eucalyptus, absorb 30% of precipitation through their leaf system and 30% in ground take up by the root system.

Eucalyptus are habitats for birds and bees which pollinate the flowers on Balboa Island.

Our mature trees provides shade and reduces the heat index by 5-15 degrees for residents, merchants and patrons, whereas concrete significantly increases the heat index.

Marine Ave tree lined streets increase walking traffic up to 15% for businesses and buildings can be worth 25% more.

Our trees reduces urban noise by absorbing sound waves; all the more reason to keep the canopy's full.

Mature tree lined streets create boundaries which provide slower and more appropriate traffic speeds.

Marine Ave trees clean our air by producing oxygen, intercept airborne particles and reduce smog!

Resources: Sciencedirect.com; Canopy.org; Dan Burdan, Sr. Urban Designer; SouthernForest.org; CityLab.com, StrongTowns.org; Arbor1.com

RESOLUTION NO. [ ]

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING CITY COUNCIL POLICY G-1 (RETENTION, REMOVAL, AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY TREES)

WHEREAS, the City of Newport Beach (the "City") is governed, in part, by its Charter, Municipal Code, and adopted Council Policies;

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1966, the City Council adopted City Council Policy G-1 for the Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees (the "City's Tree Policy"), to "establish definitive standards for the retention, removal, maintenance, reforestation, tree trimming standards, and supplemental trimming of City trees", which policy is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the City's Tree Policy states that all Special City Trees ("Special Trees" or "Special Tree" as the case may be) shall be retained "because they have historical significance, and/or contribute to, and give character to, a location or to an entire neighborhood";

WHEREAS, Section IV.A of the City's Tree Policy details specific procedural guidelines and limitations that must be followed by the City prior to the removal and replacement of any Special Tree including, but not limited to: (1) the implementation of a specific treatment plan to retain the tree(s); (2) the preparation of a "full staff report" identifying and describing why the specific treatment was unsuccessful and "detailing the necessity of removal"; (3) the posting of a public notice at least 30 days prior to removal with a sign notifying the public of a right to appeal; and (4) the "one-for-one" replacement of any Special Trees "with the same species or the closest equivalent wherever possible";

WHEREAS, the City's Tree Policy designates the trees along Marine Avenue on Balboa Island as Special Trees;

WHEREAS, the City has budgeted approximately $250,000.00 for the proposed reconstruction of Marine Avenue (the "Marine Avenue Reconstruction") as set forth in the City's Fiscal Year 2017–18 Capital Improvement Program and Fiscal Year 2018–19 Capital Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, in light of the Marine Avenue Reconstruction, the Balboa Island Preservation Association ("BIPA"), and other residents of Balboa Island, recently brought the City's Tree Policy to the City Council's attention; and

WHEREAS, the City endeavors to avoid any actions that may conflict with the City's Tree Policy or that would negatively impact the health and retention of Special Trees in connection with the Marine Avenue Reconstruction or otherwise.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1: The City Council hereby reaffirms the City's commitment to abide by the City's Tree Policy in connection with any Marine Avenue Reconstruction, or otherwise.

Section 2: The City Council hereby declares that all City staff members (including but not limited to any agents, subcontractors, or others retained by the City) shall follow the procedural guidelines placed on the removal and replacement of any Special Tree along Marine Avenue as set forth in the City's Tree Policy including, but not limited to: (1) the implementation of a specific treatment plan to retain the tree(s); (2) the preparation of a "full staff report" identifying and describing why the specific treatment was unsuccessful and "detailing the necessity of removal"; and (3) the posting of a public notice at least 30 days prior to removal with a sign notifying the public of a right to appeal.

Section 3: The City Council hereby declares that, consistent with the City's Tree Policy, any Special Tree that has been or may be removed on Marine Avenue, whether removed in connection with any Marine Avenue Reconstruction or otherwise, shall be promptly replaced "one-for-one" with the same species or the closest equivalent of such Special Tree wherever possible.

Section 4: The City Council hereby declares that all appropriate steps shall be taken to retain and maintain the health of the Special Trees currently standing along Marine Avenue in connection with any Marine Avenue Reconstruction or otherwise.

Section 5: The City Council hereby declares that the City shall avoid any actions that may conflict with the City's Tree Policy or that would negatively impact the health and retention of Special Trees in connection with any Marine Avenue Reconstruction or otherwise.

Section 6: The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the operative part of this resolution.

Section 7: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 8: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

ADOPTED this [ ] day of [ ], 2019.

Diane B. Dixon
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Leilani I. Brown
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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Aaron C. Harp
City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

City's Tree Policy

See attached.

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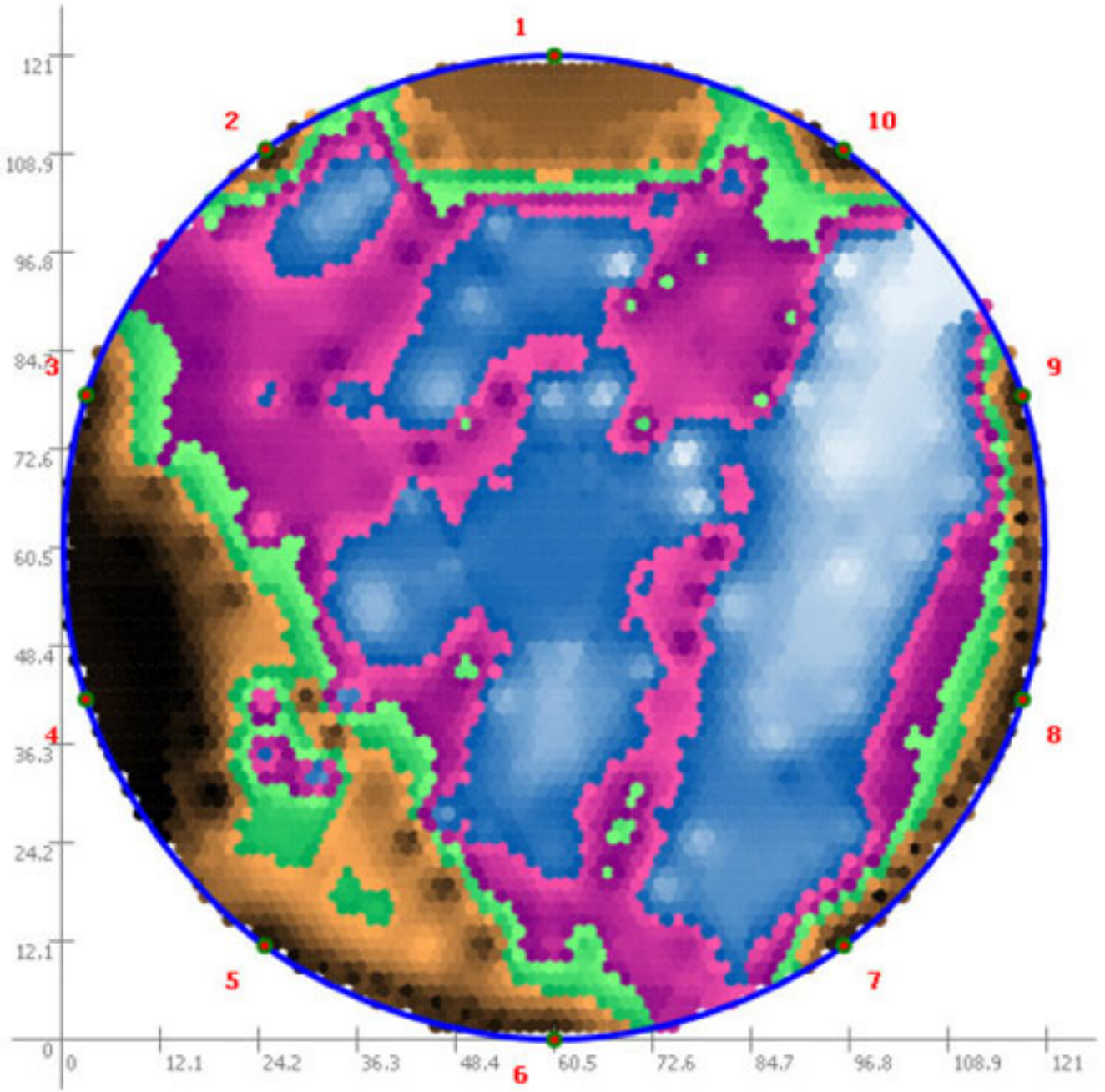
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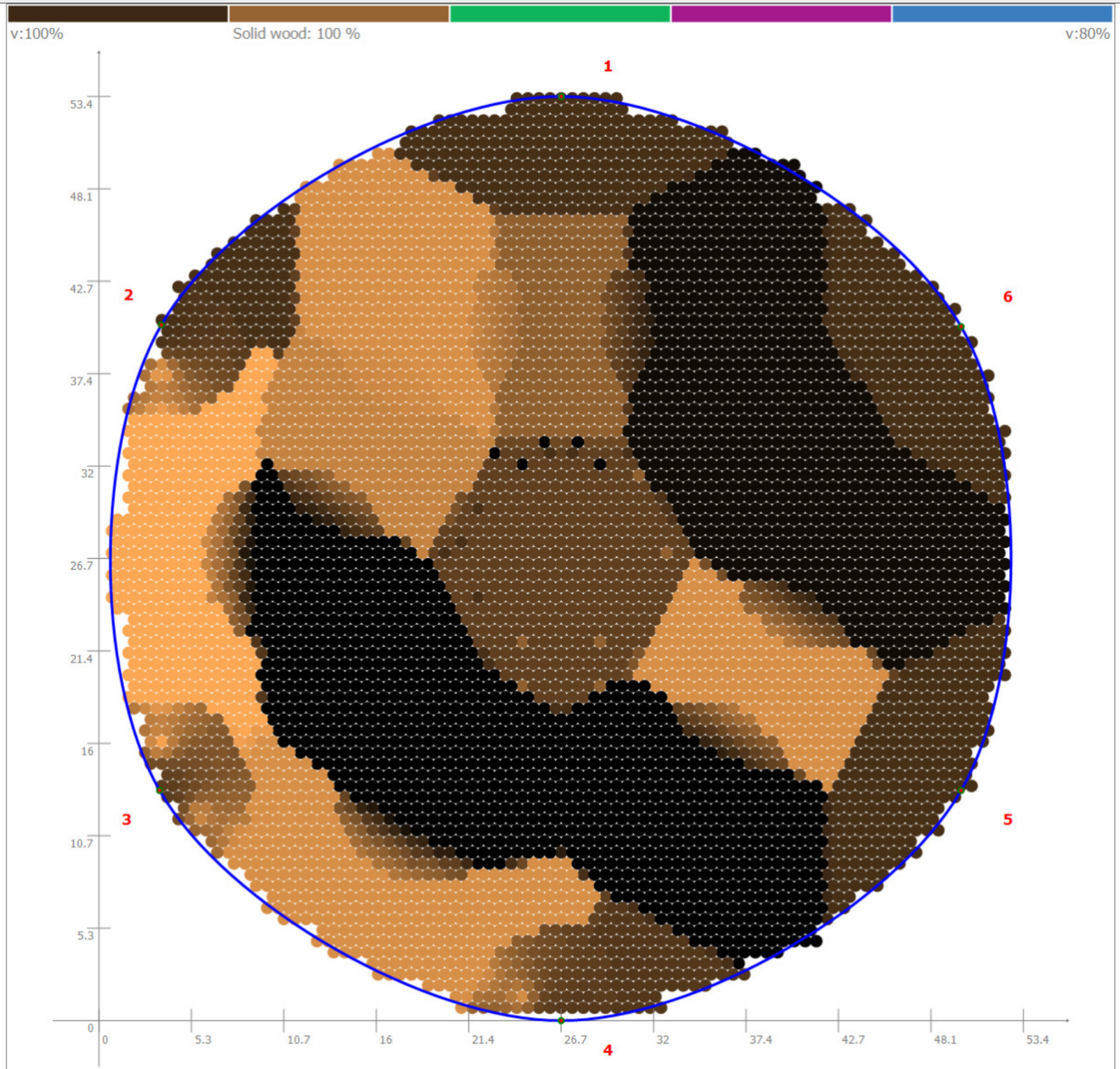

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6	1365	1560	1560	1699	1470	0						

Tap # maximal velocity [m/sec]:

Marine Ave Tree Report Summary

City of Newport Beach Department of Public Works

Introduction (Page 1): 39 trees in confined wells impacting surrounding sidewalk, curb and street. Being evaluated for health and stability.

Species Descriptions (Page 2): Lemon-Scented Gum "canopy is made up of high arching branches with sparse foliage at the tips giving the tree an open airy crown"

Page 7: Timeframe applied to estimated likelihood of failure is 36 months – allows us to take removals on in a triage type of manner (below) - worst first and so on. This is also better in terms of Urban Forestry Management (i.e. trees in different age classes).

Site Factors (Page 10): most trees displayed fair health. "***Tree stability is separate from tree health***" – this is often misinterpreted and is why our independent risk assessment has helped identify those in highest risk.

- 4 X 6-ft. tree wells (at the time) covered with synthetic turf
- Sidewalk washed regularly creating trapped moisture promoting likely decay.
- Past concrete repairs – unhealed wounds with likely decay and a reduced root system.
- Lifting/heaving sections of concrete (i.e. tree near the Starbucks)

Live Crown Ratio (LCR) and Crown Symmetry (Page 13-14):

- Many trees with a low LCR (less than 30%), which increases likelihood of failure when exposed to high winds, such as "Santa Anas". Tall trees with low LCR's and restricted growing conditions are more prone to failure.
- Trees that lean, have asymmetrical canopies, defects, unbalanced loads **and** weakness in the stem or root plate are high risk for whole tree failure…….This is we differentiate - canopy defects **and** stem and root defects

Crowns and Branches (Page 15): most of the trees on Marine Ave have some type of branch defect. Poorly attached or overextended limbs is the most common.

- Lion Tailing is explained - foliage removed from interior of the crowns. Possible reasons as opposed to past pruning:
    1. We have experienced a number of broken interior branches in the past 20 years.
    2. Interior branches could have been removed due to them being dead or in decline.
    3. Interior branches could have been part of a structural pruning initiative to correct topping type pruning conducted through the 1980's (previous to widespread adherence to ISA standards).

Root Conditions and Trunk Issue (Page 18):

- Past hardscape repairs- leaning trees from past root pruning. Continue to lean. Weight of tree is more than the root plate can support– PRIORITY.
- Trees covered with synthetic turf, causing wet soil – some showing potential crown rot or heartwood decay – PRIORITY.

Risk Categorization (page 24): 27 high-risk trees with multiple defects - possible that one or more of the 27 could experience partial or whole tree failure within 36 months. One tree is probable for root or trunk failure in next 36 month (Starbucks tree). - In terms of likelihood, probable is more likely than

Marine Ave Tree Report Summary

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possible. The reason for the high-risk categorization is due to the consequences of failure, which in most cases would be severe.

Conclusions and Recommendation (Page 27): Our consultant is recommending 27 trees to be removed that pose a high risk and to re-evaluate the remaining 12 moderate rated trees in one year.

City Arborist Recommendation: *I agree that the 27 trees are in a high risk category for the potential to cause severe consequences from either whole tree failure or a large limb failure.*

As a triage system in dealing with multiple high-risk trees, we propose the following:

1. Remove ten high-risk Eucalyptus trees this year (2019). Trees selected have significant defects in the canopy **AND** in the root system and trunk. One tree is dead.
   - **210 Marine Ave.** - Asymmetrical, co-dominant limbs, dieback, contact growth, suspected heartwood decay.
   - **220 Marine Ave.** – Asymmetrical, moderate decline, deadwood, Heartwood decay, visible root decay
   - **224 Marine Ave.** - Asymmetrical, co-dominant limbs, deadwood, significant leaning trunk, suspected heartwood decay, and heaving sidewalk/root plate.
   - **300 Marine Ave.** - 20% Live Crown Ratio, deadwood, history of limb failures, cavity in trunk, roots pruned, and heaving sidewalk.
   - **312 Marine Ave.** - Asymmetrical, poor overall health, significant leaning trunk, suspected heartwood decay, root pruning for sidewalk work.
   - **326B Marine Ave.** - Asymmetrical, 15% Live Crown Ratio, poor overall health, and significant leaning trunk
   - **319 Marine Ave.** - Asymmetrical, 15% Live Crown Ratio, significant leaning trunk, root pruned/decayed, and heaving sidewalk.
   - **315 Marine Ave.** - Dead tree.
   - **301 Marine Ave.** - Asymmetrical, 15% Live Crown Ratio, deadwood, history of limb failures, Heartwood decay suspected, roots pruned/decayed, and heaving sidewalk.
   - **217 Marine Ave.** - 15% Live Crown Ratio, weakly attached, co-dominant limbs (past topping), poor overall health, cut and decayed roots.

2. Based on a reassessment, remove 19 high-risk Eucalyptus trees in the following two years (2020-2021). These primarily have significant defects in the canopy only, which would relate to a large limb failure (still severe) vs. a whole tree failure (more severe) per the above trees.
3. Evaluate 12 remaining moderate-risk Eucalyptus trees in 2021-2022.
4. Replant with 24” box Eucalyptus trees on interim basis
5. Future replacement tree species would be decided after recommendations from City Council.

Waypoint ANALYTICAL

Anaheim Office
Lab No. 19-078-0353
Path No. 206
March 31, 2019

Balboa Island Preservation Association
212 Abalone Avenue
Balboa Island, CA 92662

Attn: Ed Black

PATHOLOGY RESULTS: EUCALYPTUS BRANCH SAMPLES

Final lab results are provided here for a pair Eucalyptus tree branches; one representative of a silver dollar gum (*Eucalyptus polyanthemos*) and the second a lemon gum (*Eucalyptus citriodora*). As requested, the submitted branch samples were individually processed for potential pathogens.

Upon receipt the two samples were visually evaluated. Absent were any signs of cankers or vascular staining in either sample. Also absent was any evidence of wood-boring insect activity. The foliage of the citrus gum had numerous small rough brown spots, which under the microscope were found to be galls formed by a parasitic wasp. This wasp poses no serious threat to the health of the tree, but rather is more of an aesthetic nuisance.

After completing the visual portion of our exam, we proceeded to culture out pieces of branch tissue onto a series of agar plates.

Sample Id.	Pathogens Isolated
Silver Dollar Eucalyptus	None
Citrus Gum	None

Please call if you have any questions.

Paul F. Santos, M.S.
Plant Pathologist

THE FUTURE OF MARINE AVE

Marine Ave | Quaint Historical

INTENT OF SURVEY

- Community Awareness
- Consensus
- Establish our Vision

CURRENT PROJECT INFORMATION

- Project Origination
- Project Budget
- Project Schedule
- Project Challenges

PROJECT ORIGINATION?

Council Member – Jeff Herdman

BIIA

- Self-appointed sub-committee
- Promoted by redevelopment committee & consultant

Merchants

- Expressed concerns about the plans

Residents

- Mostly unaware of any details

City of Newport Beach

- Model after Balboa Village, Lido Village, Fashion Island

PROJECT BUDGET

The “Redevelopment” project budget has not been established, per the City…

- Drainage budget –approved 250k
- Redevelopment budget? (streets, sidewalks, trees, façade)

PROJECT SCHEDULE

"Would like to start January 2020 or January 2021 and work until Memorial Day."

- 8/13/18 email from Peter Tauscher, City Engineer & Project Manager of Redevelopment project

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee - No formal committee, per the City

Meeting Sign in Sheet - March 23, 2018

- **Jeff Herdman** (City Councilman Dis 5)*
- **John Noyes** (BIMI) *
- **Jack Callahan** (BIIA) *
- Scott Palmer (BIMI)
- **Lee Pearl** (BIIA) *
- Chuck Ceneibrigh (s?) (BIIA)
- Tom Houston (BIIA)
- Dave Girling (Little Island)
- Terry Janssen (Big Island)
- Ted Cooper (Big Island)
- Annette Giermann (Little Island)
- Various vendors attending (engineers, branding, landscape, etc.)
- * Active in promoting and communicating with Public Works

NOT REPRESENTED

- Merchants (Majority)
- Saint John Vianney Chapel -Monsignor Baird
- Residents (Majority)
- Preservation Interests

POLL RESPONSE

Return Response - High Yield

616 Total Response as of 9/21/18

This issue is of paramount importance to the community!

CONSENSUS

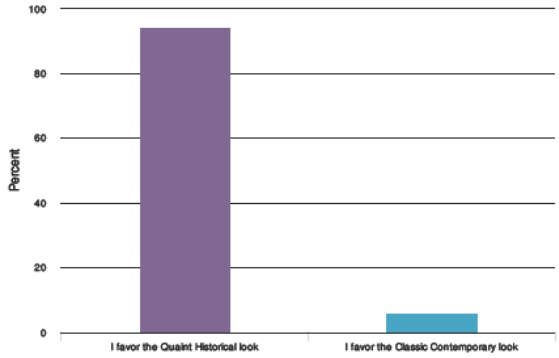
Report for Balboa Island Marine Avenue Survey

Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	
	Complete	616

Totals: 616

1. Do you favor the Quaint Historical look or do you favor the Classic Contemporary look for Marine Avenue on Balboa Island?



Value	Percent
I favor the Quaint Historical look	94.1%
I favor the Classic Contemporary look	5.9%

SELECT RESIDENTS' QUOTES

"I live on the residential side of Marine and have cherished that 'quaint' look since I first began visiting as a child. This change would seriously suck the soul out of this special little strip."

"I also received the postcard and returned my ballot marking my preference for the way it is now. I'm all for improvements, but I love the nostalgic feeling of Balboa Island and would hate to lose that. Just my two cents."

"I love the island as it is. The contemporary view is sterile! The view of our little village is totally altered. How sad that would be."

"If I wanted what they are proposing then we would have moved to Irvine or Newport Coast. Any one that has bought on Balboa Island did so because it offers something different... including a long community history."

"I remember going to a meeting about 20 years ago...it was about removing the Eucalyptus trees because they were all diseased and needed to go, right away. Thank gosh we didn't do it then. And I doubt they need to go now. Trim them for safety, and leave them be. We don't need to look like Irvine. (no offense, Irvine!)"

"I would very much like to be put on the list of those favoring Marine Ave keeping it's quaint historical look. We have a long history on the island and especially Marine Ave. My grandparent's built the Post Office on their land in 1954 and I owned it with my siblings until a couple of years ago. He also donated the land for St. John Vianney Chapel and my parent's wedding was the first thing held there in Nov '1941. We have a daughter who will be married at the chapel next summer. "

ADJOINING NEIGHBORS' & STAYCATIONERS' QUOTES

"Oh my gosh, no! Why in the world would they do that? That would make Marine look like any other town. It's charming the way it is!"

"The Island is a treasure. If we let it go now it will be like all the rest of what is happening. Guess I am just old, but the changes are heartbreaking."

"My wife and I have often remarked on the fact that Balboa Island is perhaps the most beautiful place and, importantly, community we have ever visited."

"Some places need change. Balboa Island/Marine Avenue does not."

"I can't believe anyone would change Marine Street. I have been vacationing on Balboa since I was a child; it's only place left with yesteryear charm."

"Please put me on the list of people who will fight to preserve Balboa Island as it is today...quaint and unique. I am absolutely shocked that anybody would think of changing it into a concrete strip of nothing special."

"We hope balboa stays as it is, so peaceful and beautiful, we hope to visit again soon!"

"And after, no-one will want to come."

ECONOMIC IMPACT TO MERCHANTS

Trip Advisor, the World's Largest Travel Website

	Reviews	Stars
• Balboa Island, CA	1,272	4.5
• Providencetown, MA	2,057	4.5
• Carmel, CA	1,293	4.4
• Laguna Beach, CA	6,000+	4.5

ECONOMIC IMPACT TO MERCHANTS

1,272 Visitors Reviews on Trip Advisor

Key Words Describing Balboa Island:

Shops	**633**
Restaurants	**407**
Main Street/Marine	**244**
Quaint	**228**
Historical	**210**
Cute	**199**
Charming	**133**
Unique	**80**
Adorable	**33**
Gem	**20**
Eclectic	**10**

TRIP ADVISOR REVIEWS

Kaine - London, England
Beautiful.
I spend half a day wandering around the island and really enjoyed the experience.
The MainStreet is beautiful with a classic Californian feel, it's almost like stepping back in time.

Nancy O - Kalamazoo, Michigan
Lovely town with lots to follow!
I wish I lived here. First, it is really charming and lots to do …

Carmel, Indiana
Quaint Main Street
LOVED all the little shops along Marine …

Robert T - L'Alfas del Pi, Spain
Magical Island
This little island is really like a film set. Magical place reached by the bridge from the main highway …

San Diego
Small Americana in the OC
Balboa Island is very walkable and charming. It's easily accessed by ferry or bridge. Slow down your day by taking a relaxing stroll through the streets to enjoy the character. I wonder if these islanders constantly pinch themselves to be living in such a unique & lovely place!

HISTORICAL IMPACT

- Marine Ave "Head of the Dragon"
- Walt Disney knew that folks were so taken by the nostalgia of Main Street, U.S.A, he wanted one in both Disneyland and Magic Kingdom theme parks:
- "A charming street filled with shops, restaurants and people will always become the true center of a town, and symbolizes Americana for much of the country."
- Multi-Generational Residents and Visitors from around the World.

WE HAVE OPTIONS!

MAIN STREET AMERICA®

Primary goal: To preserve historical main streets and to provide economic impacts to sustain main streets in America

Tools:

- Nationwide network
- Professionals in all areas of planning and development
- Extensive volunteer group
- Branding and marketing

RECOGNIZED MAIN STREET AMERICA®

- Gettysburg, PA
- Steamboat Springs, CO
- Cape Charles, VA
- Gilroy, CA
- New Haven, CT
- Raleigh, NC
- Coronado Island, CA

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

- **Great American Main Street Award®**
- Selected by a national jury of community development professionals and representatives of government agencies involved in economic development and historic preservation, winners exemplify the power of the Main Street Approach™.
- Professional marketing developed, interviews with the Mayor and community.

POSITIVE HISTORICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Since 1980 Main Street America program has created:
- 74.73 Billion Reinvested in Main Streets
- 276,790 Building Rehabilitated
- 614,716 Jobs Created
- 138,303 Businesses Started

MAIN STREET AMERICA®

A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SHORT VIDEO

1,100 Main Street America "Designations"

POSITIVE HISTORICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

Promotional Sites:

Trip Advisor, Travel, USA Today, Architectural Digest, Fodor's, Readers Digest, Chamber of Commerce, Historic Tours of America, etc.

USA Today - Characteristics of the top winners for best "main streets"

Unique Shopping - Feel of Nostalgia - Picturesque Charming - Eclectic - Cozy - Dining with a variety of food such as Cafes, Pubs, Diners - Colorful Storefronts - Historical Buildings - Friendly Locals

CHALLENGES

- Developer Driven Focus
- Misrepresentation by BI Leaders
- Verification regarding ‘Upgrades’
- Find alternatives to repairing streets (new approaches)
- Maintenance being underfunded/cut off
- Main Street America? Preservation Representation

THE BEAUTY OF MARINE AVE

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Mike Smith
, Irvine Terrace

The Balboa Island Trees

Strip the Marine Avenue trees? Wow! That's quite a change from the Marine Avenue I grew up with. My father, Hal Will Smith, a realtor for more than 50 years at 205 Marine planted those eucalyptus trees around 1926 to give the street some life, some interest and some shade. I'm glad he is not here to see this change. He would be appalled by the city's vision that looks like a cheap carnival midway. As an aside, I'd note that over the years dad gave well over 5000 palm trees to the city and they seem to be doing well all over town. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder. If that's what Island residents want, then so be it. But were they asked? I own property on the island and I don't remember being asked. I think the trees are a much-needed welcoming element that many of us appreciate. Coming over the bridge, I get a calming vibe from the trees (even on busy summer weekends). The trees provide shade and dramatically soften a (still) narrow, commercial street. I confess that I don't know why the city would pull those beautiful trees that can never be replaced. But cities do things for strange reasons. I hope that beauty will prevail. Before I go, let me offer another bit of Marine Avenue history. When you are walking along Marine Avenue, take a look at the seam in the cement about 4 feet from the curb. Dad, and half a dozen other early Marine Avenue business owners (circa 1935) realized that Marine Avenue was way too narrow for a main street. It was the same width as other island streets. Think about that! This small group approached all the property owners on both sides of Marine and asked that they donate four feet of their property to widen Marine. They all said YES! You and I are the beneficiaries of that effort. Would that be possible today?. That's why the tree issue is important. There is no going back. In a few years it will be impossible to return tall shade trees to the Marine Avenue we enjoy today.

Report for Balboa Island Marine Avenue Survey

Response Counts

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	Complete	684

Totals: 684

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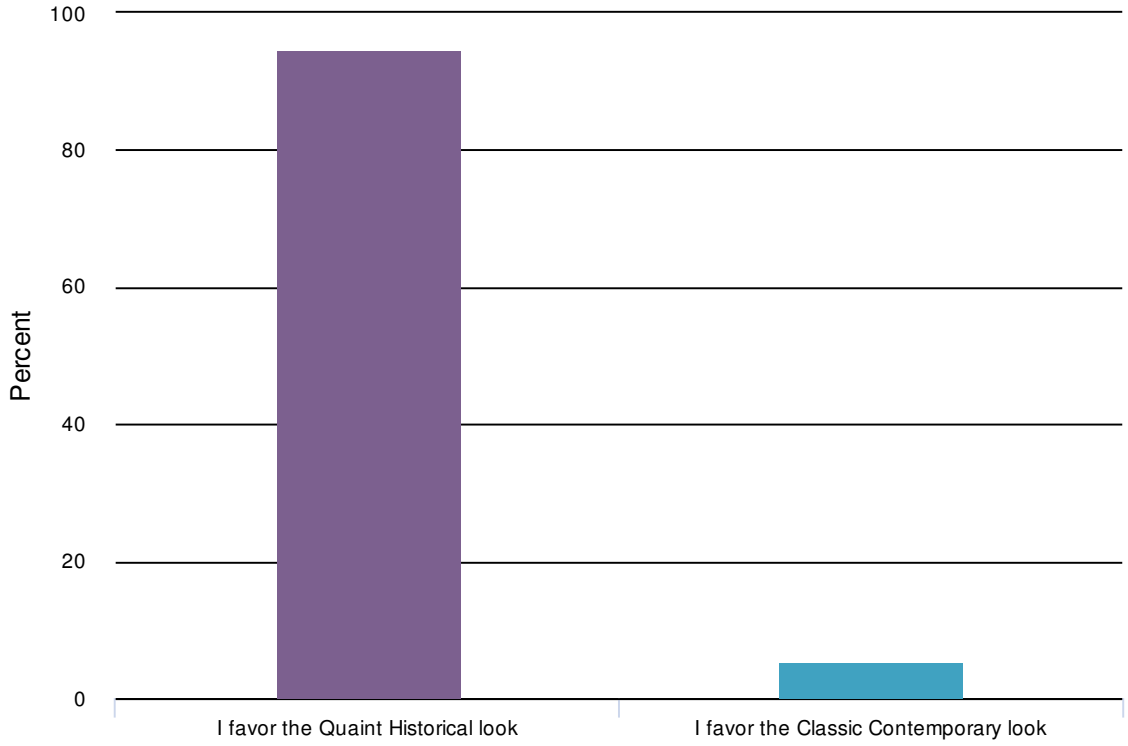

Value	Percent
I favor the Quaint Historical look	94.6%
I favor the Classic Contemporary look	5.4%

Email Statistics

0 Total Emails	**0** Completed
0 Unsubscribed	**0** Bounced

No data to display

RETENTION, REMOVAL, AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY TREES

Goal of Policy

To establish and maintain appropriate diversity in tree species and age classes to provide a stable and sustainable urban forest with an inventory that the City can reasonably maintain in a healthy and safe condition through the efficient use of City resources. To require that in approving any tree removal or reforestation request, the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission ("Commission ") shall find that the tree removal request will not adversely impact the overall inventory, diversity and age of the City's Urban Forest.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish definitive standards for the retention, removal, maintenance, reforestation, tree trimming standards, and supplemental trimming of City trees. City trees are an important part of the character and charm of the entire City and provide environmental benefits as well. Regular care, trimming, root pruning, maintenance, and programmed replacement are necessary to preserve this charm while at the same time protecting views consistent with City Council Policy G-3, providing personal safety, and preventing public and private property damage and providing a sustainable urban forest.

The City classifies public trees in one of three categories: Special City Trees, Problem City Trees, and Standard City Trees.

I. SPECIAL CITY TREES

It is the City's policy to retain Special City Trees ("Special Trees") categorized as Landmark, Dedicated, or Neighborhood trees, because they have historical significance, and/or contribute to, and give character to, a location or to an entire neighborhood. Landmark, Dedicated, and Neighborhood trees are identified by species in Attachment 1, and shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as Special Trees. Trees within these three categories shall be identified, mapped, recorded and administered by staff for the Commission. When staff proposed modifications, the Commission shall review the Special Tree list and forward recommendations for additions or deletions to the City Council for approval.

Landmark Trees are identified as those individual Special Trees that possess historical significance by virtue of their size, age, location, or species.

Dedicated Trees are Special Trees donated in the memory of specific individuals or organizations.

Neighborhood Trees are Special Trees that by their unusual size, number, species, or location lend a special character to a residential, commercial, or business area.

All Special Trees shall be retained, unless there are overriding problems which will require their removal such as death, disease, interference with infrastructure, or the creation of a hazardous situation. Prior to considering the removal of any Special Tree(s), the Municipal Operations Director, or designee, shall prepare a report identifying and implementing specific treatment to retain the tree(s). If specific treatment is unsuccessful or impractical in retaining a tree(s) then a full staff report shall be made to the Commission before any further action considering removal is taken. Prior to any removal of Special Tree(s), the City must comply with the noticing provisions of the Removal of City Trees Section set forth in Section IV.A. of this Policy, unless a Special Tree is considered so hazardous as to necessitate an emergency removal. In the case of emergency removals, the Landscape Manager or the City Arborist shall have the authority to direct the removal of a hazardous tree.

Long term, most trees reach maturity and decline, and will be replaced one-for-one with the same species or the closest equivalent wherever possible.

During normal sidewalk, curb, and street repair activity requiring root pruning, all steps shall be taken to retain Special Trees. If tree roots are to be pruned in association with sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements, sufficient timing in advance must be planned to ensure that pruning will not destabilize or kill the tree. If both sides of a Special Tree's roots are to be pruned, one side should be pruned six months to a year in advance of the other side depending upon the species and other related factors. If root pruning methods are not practical and/or critical to the health of the tree, then alternate or special hardscape improvements should be considered by the City in order to retain the tree providing that costs are reasonable. All proposed root pruning or other tree treatment shall be evaluated and approved by the City Arborist.

Special Trees may be considered for removal in conjunction with a City Council-approved beautification project utilizing the Removal of City Trees procedures noted in Section IV.A. of this Policy.

II. PROBLEM CITY TREES

A Problem City Tree ("Problem Tree") is defined as a tree that by virtue of its species causes excessive hardscape or utility damage due to its excessive root system. The following trees are defined as Problem Trees:

- Ficus nitida (Indian Laurel Fig)
- Ficus rubiginosa (Rusty Leaf Fig)
- Ficus benjamina (Weeping Fig)
- Erythrina caffra (Kaffirboom Coral Tree)
- Fraxinus uhdei (Shamel Ash)
- Cupaniopsis anacardioides (Carrotwood)
- Liquidambar styraciflua (American Sweet Gum)
- Schinus terebinthifolius (Brazilian Pepper)

Problem Trees shall not be designated as City parkway trees on the Street Designation Tree List of City Council Policy G-6, unless they are Special Trees.

Problem Trees that are not designated Special Trees may be removed for the following reasons:

A. The Problem Tree has had a repeated history of damaging public or private sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities, or foundations based on City records or other competent and reliable authority. Water or sewer blockage that results from tree roots and causes significant documented private property damage (greater than $500.00) shall be sufficient criterion for tree removal; or

B. The Problem Tree has had a repeated history of significant interference with street or sidewalk drainage, despite specific treatment by the City to alleviate repeated damage; or

C. The Problem Tree has created, in the opinion of the City Arborist, a view impediment that cannot be resolved by normal nor alternative tree trimming procedures.

Problem Trees may be proposed for removal by either staff or private property owners. The Municipal Operations Director has the authority to remove Problem Trees. No more than 50 Problem Trees may be removed per year by staff under these criteria without special approval of the Commission.

Replacement trees of a 36-inch box size shall be planted if funding, availability and growth space permits.

Staff is responsible for notifying the adjacent property owner, the legally established homeowners association, if applicable, and the Councilperson of the district where the removal is proposed, of the intent to remove a Problem Tree. The decision by the Municipal Operations Director to remove a problem tree is final unless called up by at least one Councilperson. The City Arborist shall report the removal of Problem Trees on a monthly basis to the Commission. The cost to remove and replace Problem Trees will be the sole responsibility of the City based on funding, availability and growth space.

III. STANDARD CITY TREES

A City tree which is located on City real property (parkways, parks, other City-owned property) and not designated as a Special or Problem Tree is designated as a Standard City Tree ("Standard Tree"). It is the City's policy to retain Standard Trees unless removal is necessary for one of the following reasons:

A. The City tree has had a repeated history of damaging public or private sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities, or foundations based on City records or other competent and reliable authority. Water or sewer blockage that results from tree roots and causes significant public or private property damage (greater than $500.00) shall be sufficient criterion for tree removal; or

B. The City tree has had a repeated history of significant interference with street or sidewalk drainage; or

C. The City tree is dead, diseased, dying, or hazardous, and presents a liability to the City. A dead tree is one that has been assessed by the City Arborist and found to have deceased. Diseased trees are defined as those trees that cannot be cured by current arboricultural methods, are in an advanced state of decline, and have no prospect of recovery. Dying trees are those that have no prospect of recovery. Hazardous trees are defined as those that are defective, have a potential to fail, and would cause damage to persons and property upon failure. The City Arborist will perform a hazard assessment whenever a tree is identified as hazardous. The assessment will identify: structural defects of the tree, parts of the tree most likely to

fail, targets where imminent personal injury or property damage may result with tree failure, and procedures or actions necessary to abate the hazard. After assessment, the City Arborist will expeditiously convey his written findings and recommendations to the Municipal Operations Director for evaluation. If the Municipal Operations Director agrees with the City Arborist findings to remove a tree, the hazardous tree will be removed without further delay. In the case of imminent tree failure, the Landscape Manager or the City Arborist shall have the authority to direct the removal of a hazardous tree; or

D. The tree(s) have been requested to be removed in conjunction with a City Council-approved City, commercial, neighborhood, or home owners' association beautification program; or

E. The City Manager, upon the advice of the Municipal Operations Director, City Attorney, Risk Manager or the Traffic Engineer, shall have the authority to remove individual Problem or Standard Trees to resolve claims or safety issues.

IV. REMOVAL OF CITY TREES

The initiation to remove City tree(s) may be made by the staff of the Municipal Operations and/or Public Works Departments, a home owners' association, or a private property owner by submitting an application to the Municipal Operations Director, utilizing the City Tree Removal form available on the City's website: www.newportbeachca.gov.

The City will replace all trees removed in accordance with the Standard Trees removal criteria on a one for one basis, as funding, availability and growth space permits. Replacement trees will be a minimum of a 36" boxed size. If 36" boxed trees are not available or funding or space constraints prevent planting of a large tree, then a minimum of a 24" boxed tree will be planted. The full costs of removal and replacement of all City Tree(s) will be the sole responsibility of the City, unless an applicant voluntarily pays for a new tree(s), or desires to upgrade to a box size larger than 36" planted as a replacement, then the resident will be responsible for the difference in price.

A. Removal of Special City Trees

- Special Trees may be considered for removal under the same criteria as Standard Trees in Section IV.C. (Removal of

Standard Trees) if a special report, prepared by the Municipal Operations Director and approved by the City Manager, is provided to the Commission detailing the necessity of removal and any specific previous treatment of the tree.

- Removal of a Special Tree(s) is initiated by submitting an application utilizing the City Tree Removal form, which must be approved by the City Manager.

- After receipt of the application, a Tree Inspection Report shall be prepared by the City Arborist to determine if the tree(s) meets the criteria for consideration for removal outlined in Section IV.C.

- Simultaneously, the City Arborist shall determine whether in his/her judgment additional specific treatment can be initiated to retain the tree provided the costs are reasonable.
- If a tree(s) is to be removed, the tree(s) will be posted at least 30 days prior to the removal with a sign notifying the public that they have the right to appeal. The sign shall also note a staff contact.

- The City Arborist shall also provide a notice of the proposed tree removal to the adjacent property owner (if not the applicant), the private property owners immediately adjacent to the applicant's property, and the appropriate home owners' association if applicable, (not applicable to the emergency removal of hazardous trees under Item C nor to trees that meet the criteria of Item E in Section III (Standard Trees)).

- Once a recommendation is made by the City Arborist and the Landscape Manager to the Municipal Operations Director or designee and the Director concurs, then the applicant, the adjoining owners, private property owners on either side of the street within 500' in each direction of the tree location and a home owners' association, if applicable, shall be notified of the decision to remove or retain the tree(s) at least 30 days before the proposed removal. A home owners' association is responsible for notification of all association members pursuant to their established procedure.

- The Municipal Operations Director, or a designee, shall prepare a staff report for a regularly scheduled Commission meeting of all trees recommended for removal, except for those trees categorized as Item C (dead, diseased, or dying trees) or Item E (claims and safety issues) in Section III (Standard City Trees).

- Any appeal to the Council regarding a Commission tree decision must be received by the Municipal Operations Director no later than 14 calendar days following the date of the Commission decision. The Municipal Operations Director will delay any tree removals until the appeal period has expired or until the Commission has acted upon the appeal.

- The full costs of removal and replacement of Special Tree(s) will be the sole responsibility of the City, unless an applicant voluntarily pays for a new tree(s), or with the exception of Category C (view) in Section II, which is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

B. Removal of Problem City Trees

- Problem Trees may be proposed for removal by either City staff, a home owners' association, or private property owners by written application utilizing the City Tree Removal form. The Municipal Operations Director has the authority to remove Problem Trees.

- No more than 50 Problem Trees may be removed per year by staff without special approval of the Commission.

- No more than one of three problem parkway trees in a continuous row may be removed in a one year period without a hearing before the Commission, unless part of a reforestation approved by the Commission. Replacement trees of a 36" boxed size shall be planted if funding permits.

- Staff is responsible for notifying in advance, if applicable, the adjacent property owner, the legally established homeowners association, and the Councilperson of the district where the removal is proposed of the intent to remove a Problem Tree.

- The decision by the Municipal Operations Director to remove a problem tree is final unless called up by at least one Councilperson. The City Arborist shall report the removal of Problem Trees on a monthly basis to the Commission.

- The cost to remove and replace Problem Trees will be the sole responsibility of the City based on availability of funding, with the exception of Category C (view) in Section II, which is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

C. Removal of Standard City Trees

- The initiation to remove a Standard Tree(s) may be made by the staff of the Municipal Operations and/or Public Works Departments, a home owners' association, or a private property owner by submitting an application to the Municipal Operations Director, utilizing the City Tree Removal form.

- After receipt of the application, a Tree Inspection Report shall be prepared by the City Arborist to determine if the tree(s) meets the criteria for consideration for removal as outlined in the above Section III (Standard City Trees). The City Arborist shall determine whether in his/her judgment additional specific treatment can be initiated to retain the tree provided the costs are reasonable.

- The City Arborist shall make a finding in regards to inappropriate tree species for a specific location and forward to Landscape Manager. The authority to remove Standard Trees rests with the Municipal Operations Director.
- Once a recommendation is made by the City Arborist and the Landscape Manager to the Municipal Operations Director, or designee, and the Director agrees with the recommendation, the City may remove the tree(s).

- Staff is responsible for notifying in advance, if applicable, the adjacent property owner, the home owners' association, and the Councilperson of the district where the removal is proposed of the intent to remove a Standard Tree.

- Any appeal to the Commission regarding a tree decision must be received by the Municipal Operations Director no later

than 14 calendar days following the date of the notice of intent. The Municipal Operations Director will delay any tree removals until the appeal period has expired or until the Commission has acted upon an appeal.

- The City will replace all trees removed in accordance with the Standard Trees removal criteria on a one for one basis. Replacement trees will be a minimum of a 36" boxed size. If 36" boxed trees are not available, or funding or space constraints prevent planting of a large tree, then a minimum of a 24" boxed tree will be planted. If resident/applicant desires to upgrade to a 48" boxed tree or larger, the resident/applicant will be responsible for the difference in price.

- The full costs of removal and replacement of Standard Tree(s) will be the sole responsibility of the City, unless an applicant voluntarily pays for a new tree(s) or desires to upgrade to box size larger than 36" planted as a replacement, then the applicant will be responsible for the difference in price.

V. REFORESTATION OF CITY TREES

A. Description of Reforestation

Reforestation is defined as the concept of systematically replacing Problem or Standard Trees which are creating hardscape and/or view problems and cannot be properly trimmed, pruned or modified to alleviate the problem(s) they create; or those which have reached their full life and are declining in health; or are simply the wrong species of trees for the planted location.

It is recognized and acknowledged that many City trees were planted years ago and in some cases were planted with specific species that when fully mature cause damage to curb, gutter, sidewalk or underground utilities. Within the geographical boundaries of certain view neighborhoods, City street trees may encroach into blue water views from public and private property depending on the length of time since the trees were last trimmed, or the age and height of the trees. In other cases, the wrong species of tree was planted originally and simply does not conform to the current treescape or represents a safety hazard.

The City Street Tree Designation List and the City Parkway Tree Designation List attached to City Council Policy G-6 reflect an effort by the City to designate appropriate tree species that will not cause future problems.

The City understands the importance of trees and the beauty they bring to a community, and desires to continually improve the urban forest through reforestation. In areas where City trees have been removed through City initiation, the City will endeavor to replace the trees one for one with the appropriate designated street tree.

B. Application for Reforestation

Individual private property owners, as well as home owners' association, may apply for single or multiple tree reforestations in their respective area by submitting a request to the Municipal Operations Director for consideration by the Commission that meets the following requirements:

- The proposed area must have clearly defined contiguous geographical boundaries that include the tree(s) proposed for removal and replacement, street address(es), block number(s), or other geographical information. This Section applies to individual and group requests.

- Residential communities, neighborhoods, or business organizations who apply for reforestation must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of the property owners within the area defined for reforestation. The petition content must be approved and dated by City staff prior to distribution by the petitioner. The staff-approved petition must be distributed by the petitioner to a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private property owners on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation). Signatures by non-property owners are not acceptable for petition purposes, and there may be no more than one signature per property. All petition signatures shall be verified by City staff for property owner status of the person(s) signing the petition. As an alternative to the above requirements, areas represented by a home owners' association may submit a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting a reforestation with a statement that all members of the home

owners' association having their residential views affected have been officially notified and given an appropriate opportunity to respond before the Board voted on the request. Individual private property owners living within a home owners' association with mandatory association membership must petition for reforestation through their respective association.

- Individual private property owners not residing within a home owners' association area may submit individual requests for single or multiple tree reforestations. The applicant must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private properties on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation site) as well as the endorsement of the appropriate homeowners association, if applicable. The petition content must be approved and dated by staff prior to distribution. All petition signatures shall be verified by City staff for private property owner status of the person(s) signing the petition.

- A written agreement must be submitted to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission by the petitioning sponsor (individual private property owner(s) or group) to pay 100% of the costs of the removal and replacement of the public tree(s) in advance of any removal activity. The actual removal and replanting will be coordinated by the Municipal Operations Department. The total costs shall include only the contractor's removal and replacement costs and be paid in advance of any removal actions.

- The replacement tree(s) for reforestation shall be an appropriate tree that meets the criteria of the City's Street Tree Designation List or the City Parkway Tree Designation List as identified in City Council Policy G-6, or the applicant (person, group, or organization) must request and obtain approval from the Commission of the designation of a different tree species prior to submitting any reforestation request for a tree species other than the designated street tree, or an appropriate species based on the City Tree Designation Lists. This Section applies to individual or group requests.

- There shall be a minimum of a one for one replacement of all trees removed in reforestation projects. Replacement trees shall be a minimum size of 36" boxed trees, unless the parkway space will not accommodate a 36" boxed tree or a tree cannot be planted due to planting restrictions contained in City Council Policy G-6. If there is not room for the replacement tree(s) at a specific site as designated by City Council Policy G-6, then the replacement tree(s) shall be planted in a public area in the same neighborhood at the option of the petitioner. This Section applies to individual or group requests.

- Reforestation requests must be completed and submitted in a timely manner by the petitioner. Petitions that are dated more than 90 days past the date stamped by staff before distribution will not be forwarded to the Commission for consideration. The Municipal Operations Director may extend this timeframe in his or her discretion. The completed reforestation application will go to the Commission to decide whether to accept or deny the requested reforestation. The decision of the Commission on reforestation requests will be considered final unless called up by at least one Councilmember or the City Manager.

- The City shall require the proper care and watering of replacement trees by the reforestation petitioner to ensure their proper growth and development as outlined in City Council Policy G-6. Section 13.090.030 of the Municipal Code outlines what is expected of property owners in regards to proper care of parkway trees adjacent to their property.

VI. TREE MAINTENANCE

The City will endeavor to fund the care of the Urban Forest to the highest level possible through the efficient use of regular tree trimming, root pruning, root barrier and pesticide programs in accordance with City Council Policy G-6. Section 13.08.040 of the Municipal Code prohibits any person from tampering with City trees.

VII. ENCROACHMENT AND DEMOLITION PERMITS

All encroachment permits (permits for private property development which are proposed to encroach upon the City right of way) or demolition

permits that involve the removal or replacement of City tree(s) must be specifically noticed by the property owner to City staff prior to the building and/or demolition permit process whenever possible. The proposed construction plans must indicate preservation of existing City trees wherever possible (except trees that are dead, dying, or in an advanced state of decline). If the proposed development requires the removal of City trees, the property owner must submit a tree removal form to the Municipal Operations Director, pay all related tree removal and one for one replacement costs, and meet all provisions of City Council Policies L-2 and L-6 and City Municipal Code Sections 13.08 and 13.09, or any successor policies or sections. Approval or disapproval of all tree removal/replacement requests associated with encroachment and demolition permits will be the responsibility of the Municipal Operations Director or a designee.

VIII. TREE TRIMMING STANDARDS

The City Council has adopted tree trimming cycles for trees of different ages and species. Tree trimming cycles and trimming standards shall represent the maximum feasible frequency given current fiscal conditions. Except as provided in the Supplemental Trimming Section below, trimming shall be in accordance with the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). In those communities with a home owners' association, periodic tree trimming with an emphasis on height reduction will be considered by the City Arborist upon written request by the association.

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL TREE TRIMMING

The City will consider requests to trim certain trees more frequently or to trim trees consistent with practices applied prior to the adoption of ISA standards (to enhance public and private views, preserve required sight/distance standards, or other public purposes) which are submitted by affected private property owners or the board of a home owners' association and the request is accompanied by a completed "Supplemental Tree Trimming Form" and full payment for the requested tree trimming. However, since these practices often require 'topping' or possible disfiguring of a tree(s) and are often aesthetically displeasing and injurious to a tree, reforestation shall be considered when supplemental tree trimming is impractical or infeasible as determined by the City Arborist.

The Municipal Operations Director shall establish procedures to implement the supplemental trimming provisions of this Policy. In areas with an active homeowners association, approval must be obtained from a legally established association by the requestor of supplemental tree trimming if the requested trimming is to be undertaken within the association boundaries.

[Attachment - Exhibit A]

History

Adopted I-9 – 5-9-1966
Reaffirmed I-9 – 8-30-1966
Amended I-9 – 8-14-1967
Reaffirmed I-9 – 11-12-1968
Reaffirmed I-9 – 3-9-1970
Reaffirmed I-9 – 2-14-1972
Amended I-9 – 11-9-1976
Amended I-9 – 11-12-1985
Amended I-9 – 11-28-1988
Amended I-9 – 3-14-1994 (changed to G-1)
Amended G-1 – 4-11-1994
Amended G-1 – 2-26-1996
Amended G-1 – 7-14-1997
Amended G-1 (Administratively) – 11-24-1997
Amended G-1 – 8-10-1998
Amended G-1 – 1-25-1999
Amended G-1 – 2-22-2000
Amended G-1 – 4-23-2002
Amended G-1 – 4-27-2004
Amended G-1 – 10-11-2011
Amended G-1 – 9-8-2015
Amended G-1 – 8-8-2017

EXHIBIT A

SPECIAL CITY TREES

LANDMARK TREES	Balboa Boulevard Median	Araucaria heterophylla (1)

	Balboa Library	Eucalyptus globulus (3)
	Balboa Library	Phoenix canariensis (2)
	Bob Henry Park	Ficus rubiginosa (1)
	Castaways Park	Phoenix canariensis (1)
	Lido Hotel Site	Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida' (2)
	Dover Drive east of Irvine Avenue	Erythrina caffra (1)
	Dover Drive at Westcliff	Liquidambar styraciflua (4)
	John Wayne Park	Erythrina caffra (1)
	Lido Isle Medians	Pinus pinea (4)
	Main Street	Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida' (1)
	Ocean Blvd. Corona del Mar	Phoneix canariensis (5)
	Wedge Area	Myoporum laetum (2)
	West Jetty View Park (near Historical Marker)	Phoenix canariensis (2)
	Westcliff & Dover (Groves) Bike Trail	Eucalyptus globulus (49)

DEDICATED TREES	Bayside Park (Newport-Irvine Rotary Club)	Pyrus calleryana
	Bayview Park (Gene Atherton)	Cinnamomum camphora
	Begonia Park (Dr. Leo V. Turgeon)	Bauhinia blakeana
	Begonia Park (Cheryl Bailey Ringwald)	Prunus cerasifera
	Bob Henry Park (Bob Henry)	Ficus rubiginosa
	Bonita Canyon Sports Park (Elaine Linhoff) (Fern Pirkle)	Melaluca linariifolia
	Buffalo Hills Park (Bahia Community Earth Day Celebration)	Erythrina caffra
	Buffalo Hills Park (N. Beach Sunrise Rotary Club)	Stenocarpus sinuatus
	Castaways Park (Kevin Murphy) (Mary Louise Romine)	Pinus torreyana
	Castaways Park (Joe Clarkson) (Michael F. Gustin) (Arthur Grant Kidman Junior) (Grover Stephens, PH.D.)	Platanus racemosa

(Arthur C. Wahlstedt, Jr.)	
(John D. Woodruff)	
Castaways Park	Quercus agrifolia
(Nancy Bergeson)	
(Logan David Burley)	
(Sawyer Dean Burley)	
(Sawyer Dean Burley)	
(Bob & Susan Caustin)	
(Joe Clarkson)	
(Yen Chu Kuo)	
(Ryan Lemmon)	
(Virginia Najera)	
(Eva Victoria Najera)	
(David Rapp)	
(Nancy & Jack Skinner)	
(Staycee Stone)	
(Jason Stradtman)	
(Robert T. Talbot)	
(Jan Vandersloot)	
(Jean Watt)	
Castaways Park	Quercus kelloggii
(Gregory Courteau)	
Cliff Drive Park	Bauhinia blakeana
(Susan Benz)	
Cliff Drive Park	Cassia leptophylla
(Francis P. Hemenway)	
Cliff Drive Park	Quercus agrifolia
(Gary Lovell)	
(Dr. Vandersloot)	
Eastbluff Park	Hymenosporum flavum
(Lucy Huntsman)	
Eastbluff Park	Ficus macrophylla
(Billy Covert)	
Galaxy View Park	Cupaniopsis anacardioides
(Trey Hunter)	
Galaxy View Park	Metrosideros excelsa
(Dylan Ayres)	
Gateway Park	Cassia leptophylla
(Virgina Herberts)	
Grant Howald Park	Cassia leptophylla

(Jean & Coalson Morris)	
Grant Howald Park	Hymenosporum flavum
(Skipper Mark Howes)	
Grant Howald Park	Metrosideros excelsus
(Mark Munro)	
(Pete Munro)	
Grant Howald Park	Spathodea campanulata
(Cara Lee)	
Irvine Terrace Park	Platanus racemosa
(U.S. Bicentennial Freedom Tree)	
Irvine Terrace Park	Pinus pinca
(Calif. Bicentennial)	
Irvine Terrace Park	Liquidambar styraciflua
(Dana Harmon)	
Irvine Terrace Park	Pinus nigra
(Sister City of Okazaki)	
L Street Park	Cassia leptophylla
(Tim Van Ostenbridge)	
Las Arenas Park (Ed Healy)	Melaleuca linarifolia
M Street median	Pinus pinea
(Walter Knott)	
Mariners Park	Bauhinia variegata
(Sierra Beth)	
Mariners Park	Cedrus deodara
(Dr. Anthony & Madeline DeCarbo)	
Mariners Park	Pinus halepensis
(Isy Pease)	
Mariners Park	Pinus eldarica
(Christopher & Marisha Thomposn)	
(Meghan & Camielle Thompson)	
Mariners Park	Pinus radiata
(Frank Tallman)	
Mariners Park	Stenocarpus sinuatus
(N. Beach Sunrise Rotary Club)	
No. Mariners Park	Pinus radiata
(Marcie Schrouder)	
Newport Pier/24th Street Bike Path	Chamaerops humilis
(Marie "Maxine" Louchis)	
Old School Park	Bauhinia variegata
(Mary Jo Tyler)	
Old School Park	Cassia leptophylla
(Jean & Coalson Morris)	

Peninsula Park (Gray Lunde Tree)	Chamaerops humilis
Peninsula Park (Don Perdue)	Ravenea rivularis
San Miguel Park (Jon Walters)	Schinus molle
Spyglass Hill Park (Dennis George Brice) (Edith Mary Brice)	Acacia baileyana
Veterans Park (Rosemary Rae Hill Hansen)	Lagenstroemia indica fauriei
WCH & Superior Ave City Parking Lot (Louise Greeley)	Cassia leptophylla
West Newport Park (Russell Marc Beaumont) (Jeff Steven Reinker)	Erythrina caffra
West Newport Park (Brownie Girl Scout Troop 2072)	Spathodea campanulata
Various locations: Castaways Park and Cliff Drive Park slopes (Dr. Jan David Vandersloot & Family)	Quercus agrifolia

NEIGHBORHOOD
TREES

15th Street (Newport Heights)	Eucalyptus cladocalyx (13)
Along Avon Avenue	Eucalyptus globulus (8)
Buena Vista and Lindo Avenue	Erythrina caffra (1)
Candlestick Lane (Baycrest)	Eucalyptus citriodora (17)
Clay Street (Irvine Ave to St. Andrews Road)	Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida' (21)
Cliff Drive (north side, west of Dover Drive)	Agathus robusta (4)
Cliff Drive Park (Scout House)	Ficus benjamina (1)
Commodore Road	Eucalyptus citriodora (2)
Corona Del Mar State Beach	Washingtonia robusta (74)
601 Dover Drive	Eucalyptus ficifolia (1)
Dover Drive (Mariners to Irvine)	Eucalyptus globulus
Eastbluff Park	Ficus macrophylla (1)
Glenwood Lane	Eucalyptus citriodora (10)
Goldenrod Avenue (Ocean Blvd to Fifth Ave)	Washingtonia robusta (144)
Heliotrope Avenue (Corona del Mar)	Pinus radiata (2)

Irvine Avenue (17th St. to Dover)	Phoenix dactylifera (Date palm) (30)
Irvine Avenue (17th St. to Dover)	Spathodea campanulata(African tulip) (39)
128 Kings Road	Roystonea regia (1)
128 Kings Road	Pseudobombax ellipticum (1)
L Street Park	Quercus suber (39)
Leeward Lane	Fraxinus uhdei "Tomlinson" (39)
M Street Park	Pinus pinea (1)
Margaret Drive Median	Erythrina caffra (1)
Marguerite Avenue (Ocean Blvd to Fifth Ave)	Phoenix canariensis (81)
Marine Avenue (Balboa Island)	Eucalyptus (Various Species) (39)
Mariners Drive	Jacaranda mimosifolia (52)
Newport Center Drive	Washingtonia robusta (363)
Poppy Avenue (Corona del Mar)	Eucalyptus rudis (82)
Rhine Wharf Park	Archontophoenix cunninghamiana (12)
Along Riverside Avenue (adjacent to Cliff Drive Park)	Schinus terebinthefolius (12)
725 St. James Road	Eucalyptus ficifolia (1)
Sandalwood Lane	Eucalyptus citriodora (3)
Santa Ana Avenue	Eucalyptus robusta (38)
Seaview Avenue (Corona del Mar)	Pinus radiata (5)
Shorecliffs Entrance	Erythrina caffra (40)
Starlight Circle	Eucalyptus citriodora (10)
Via Lido Bridge	Eucalyptus globulus (14)
Vista Del Oro Median	Erythrina caffra (6)
Waterfront Drive (Avocado Ave to Acacia Ave)	Schinus molle (16)
West Newport Park	Metrosideros excelsus(55)

March 4, 2019

Re: Notice of Tree Trimming- Marine Ave
Bcc: Balboa Island Preservation Supporters

Dear Honorable Mayor,

In October 2019 a preliminary poll of almost 700 citizens of Balboa Island have expressed their concern to maintain the quaint and 100-year historical look of Marine Ave on Balboa Island and because of this concern have formed the Balboa Island Preservation Association. A key part of this concern extends to the preservation of our mature and City of Newport Beach designated 'Special Trees' located on Marine Ave.

In addition, these citizens have also contributed personal funds to hire a recognized independent arborist to visit the site and evaluate each of the Marine Ave trees. They have also extended this effort to secure a second opinion by another well recognized arborist who substantially agrees with the opinion of the first expert. One of the important findings was the trees have been excessively pruned, improperly pruned and best tree practices are not being utilized in maintaining the Marine Ave trees.

The Balboa Island Preservation Association has just recently learned that plans are under way to have Great Scott Tree Service trim these trees again the week of March 11, 2019. Although our trees are in stable condition, the Association and residents of Balboa Island are presently conducting further investigations of the situation to establish and incorporate important and proven guidelines for tree preservation, safety and proper pruning practices of our Special Trees. (Please refer to the attached tree assessment report pages 3, 4, 9 and page 14-pruning)

We believe that additional pruning, as done in the past, will put at further risk the health of our Special Trees, as well as change the quint and historical look of Maine Ave.

As a consequence, we hereby request that you declare an immediate moratorium on the March tree trimming on Marine Ave to both allow the trees to recover from previous pruning practices and, until such time, we can coordinate our wishes with the City of Newport Beach.

I appreciate your sensitivity and response to the request of this citizen group.

Jodi P. Bole, Co-Chair – Balboa Island Preservation Association
Attached: Marine Ave. Tree Assessment Report

August 10, 2019
By Mark Porter, Consulting Arborist

The following comments are the evaluation of Walt Warriner's report titled "Marine Avenue Street Tree Evaluation", dated May 10, 2019 and the City Recommendation Summary of Marine Ave Trees.

Mr. Warriner's report, as documented on page 01, was an "analysis of the existing street trees" and "a level 2 Basic Assessment per ANSI Standard". It was also noted on page 07 that during the basic assessment "no special tools and equipment were used to conduct the assessment"

Marine Avenue Street Tree Evaluation – Walt Warriner

Introduction (Page 1): 39 trees in confined wells impacting surrounding sidewalk, curb and street. Being evaluated for health and stability.

The sample photo of Lemon Gum Trees (not a Marine Ave.) in Warriner's report show one of three common rooting characteristics (heart shaped with large buttress roots). Landscape trees have been described (Costello) as three roots systems (1. flat roots-shallow or lateral roots on the surface, 2. heart shape root system oriented at an oblique angle or 3. a deep tap root type growing downward as opposed to shallow on the surface). The flare of the trunk in Warriner's sample photo (taken at an unrelated site) and the buttress roots are significantly wider at ground level than it is above the flare of the root buttress. The flare of the root buttress is the wide part of the trunk where it meets the soil. Just above the flare of the root buttress the diameter is much smaller. If diameter above the flare of the buttress is significantly smaller than the diameter of the trunk at ground level, the potential for infrastructure damage is much greater. Trunk flare and buttress are commonly associated with hard scape damage (Wagner and Barker 1983). Shallow irrigation and compacted soils contribute to large buttress roots with a potential to damage infrastructure such as sidewalks and foundations. Not all trees of the same species have the same characteristics or root morphology. Variation occurs depending on soil type, irrigation practices, genetics, soil bulk density (compaction). Sandy soil favors better drainage and deeper rooting. Very few roots of the street trees on Marine Ave behave like Warriner's photo sample from (another site). Did the City perform a DGL survey?

Species Descriptions (Page 2): Lemon-Scented Gum "canopy is made up of high arching branches with sparse foliage at the tips giving the tree an open airy crown"

Per the Special Tree Policy G-1, has Public Works tried to improve soil conditions or the health of any tree? Or is it easier to ignore the stake holders in the community and cut them down? A high arching crown is typical of many Lemon Scented Gum trees. Where are the failure statistics? Does the city participate in tree failure reporting? Warriner's report does not take into consideration any Tree Failure Data, in which a Lemon-Scented Gum trees have the lowest failure rate per other types of trees.

Page 7: Timeframe applied to estimated likelihood of failure is 36 months – allows us to take removals on in a triage type of manner (below) - worst first and so on. This is also better in terms of Urban Forestry Management (i.e. trees in different age classes).

Is it fair to ask? Does the city have a long-term Urban Forestry Master Plan? When was it last updated? Who wrote it? What is the protocol for removing trees? Does the City protocol for removing trees serve as a model for other cities to follow? Are mitigation options ever considered? Are Tree planter modification ever considered? What Irrigation or soil improvement in drought years is practiced? Is mulch ever used? A triage type of plan that seeks removal of every mature tree? Is that sound urban forestry management?

Site Factors (Page 10): most trees displayed fair health. "Tree stability is separate from tree health" – this is often misinterpreted and is why our independent risk assessment has helped identify those in highest risk.

Is it fair or reasonable to ask the following? Can fair health be improved? Is fair health ever a death sentence? Does fear mongering lead to unnecessary condemnation of publicly owned trees? How does the City attorney advise if given a report that never mentions the economic value, environmental benefits, contributory tax based for the community, sentimental value to the community, historic significance? Warriner's report is nothing but negative attributes with no plan to reduce risk what so ever.

- **Sidewalk washed regularly creating trapped moisture promoting likely decay.**

Where is the research to support this claim of decay? What type of decay? Armillaria? Phytophthora? No lab tests where done to support that trapped moisture promotes decay. Is decay a supposition or a fact? No lab tests where done to indicate tip over or root failure. How may root failures or soil failures have occurred on Marine Avenue? No elastometer tests were performed to test tip over potential. No ground penetrating radar was used to map tree root issues. No root crown excavations have been performed to assess root failure potential on Marine Avenue to substantiate this claim. No sonic tomography exams were done to evaluate wood quality on Marine Avenue. Have stress test been performed to measure fracture potential? Have the branches been sent to a wood products lab for high resolution laser scanning to measure wood quality? Can we look a lot harder before we condemn trees?

- **Past concrete repairs – unhealed wounds with likely decay and a reduced root system.**
- **4 X 6-ft. tree wells (at the time) covered with synthetic turf**

Warriner's report does not provide any proof of decay. What type of decay? Has likely decay been cultured? Waypoint Analytical in Anaheim can culture wood decay and verify pathogens. Decay doesn't always lead to removal. How much decay is too much? What percent of roots are decayed? Is the decay centered in the stem? Is it non- concentric? Do we really know, or do we suppose? The reports do not site a history of root disturbance, perennial conks, honey colored mushrooms, stinky smelly roots, discolored roots or dead roots? Were any root crown excavations performed? Does a sounding hammer reveal a hollow sound? Was sonic tomography or pull tests ever been performed on Marine Ave trees? Has any pull tests ever been performed in the city? How was a probe used to determine soft mush wood when at the time Astro Turf was buckled over the entire base of the tree?

- **Lifting/heaving sections of concrete (i.e. tree near the Starbucks)**

  Warriner's report states all the trees lift and heave, all trees have outlived the space intended? ALL TREES need to come out? ALL TREES will damage the concrete?

Live Crown Ratio (LCR) and Crown Symmetry (Page 13-14):

- **Many trees with a low LCR (less than 30%), which increases likelihood of failure when exposed to high winds, such as "Santa Ana's". Tall trees with low LCR's and restricted growing conditions are more prone to failure.**

  Live crown ratio was designed as a conifer forestry management tool, not to justify the removal of trees.

  Saying that Lemon scented gum with 30% live crown ratio will fail is subjective? How many wind events happen where nothing fails? Do more limbs fail or survive extreme wind events? At what point do we say all bets are off if any tree can fail? Was the state tree failure statistics ever considered?

- **Trees that lean, have asymmetrical canopies, defects, unbalanced loads and weakness in the stem or root plate are high risk for whole tree failure.....This is we differentiate - canopy defects and stem and root defects**

  Does the axiom of uniform stress ever come to play? Do trees produce reaction wood where needed to compensate for loads? Is it fair to say thigmomorphogenesis (causing a plant response altering the growth pattern in response to wind) will cause a tree to fail since its symmetry is changed? It is known that trees bend differently near the coast than inland. Most trees adapt to bends.

  Is this priority based on observed frequencies? What do the California tree failure stats tell us?

Crowns and Branches (Page 15): most of the trees on Marine Ave have some type of branch defect. Poorly attached or overextended limbs is the most common.

Over- extended branch reduced from crown reduction pruning will reduce the likelihood of branch fracture. Where in the report does it provide treatment options for reducing the likelihood of branch fracture? Does the city specification address specific needs of designated Special Trees or do they just say prune to ANSI standards? Are goals or objectives specific to any tree with a problem? Should Special Trees be approached differently than standard street trees? Do we trust that every arborist on a contract crew has equal training and understanding on risk reduction strategies?

- **Lion Tailing is explained - foliage removed from interior of the crowns. Possible reasons as opposed to past pruning:**

1. We have experienced a number of broken interior branches in the past 20 years.

How many, what size and what time of year? Where is the documentation to back up this statement? How far from the attachment and how soon after pruning? Where any tree failure reports turned into the state database and does the city participated in tree failure reports to the

state? Is it normal for branches to shed over a 20-year period or during sever Santa Ana winds such as last spring? It appears the Marine Ave trees had one broken limb well during the last Santa Ana, versus other trees species that were downed in other areas. Has pruning provided risk mitigation to a satisfactory or acceptable level? Will pruning reduce risk? Can subordinate pruning improve defects? Warriner's report does not address mitigation nor require contractors to understand subordinate pruning.

2. Interior branches could have been part of a structural pruning initiative to correct topping type pruning conducted through the 1980's (previous to widespread adherence to ISA standards).

Since the creation of ANSI A300 Pruning Standards Part 1 Pruning and ISA Best Management Practices Tree Pruning the term Crown Restoration is indicted when trees have been topped. Is there evidence that topping took place? Where?

Western Chapter ISA PRUNING STANDARDS were the defacto standard prior to ANSI A300 (California Government Code 53067 1992) along with NAA Pruning standards and California Parks and Recreation pruning standards. In the 1980s there were 5 pruning styles. Crown Raising, Crown Thinning, Crown Cleaning, Crown Reduction, and Crown Restoration for topped trees. Again, where is the proof of topping?

Root Conditions and Trunk Issue (Page 18):

- **Past hardscape repairs- leaning trees from past root pruning. Continue to lean. Weight of tree is more than the root plate can support– PRIORITY.**

What is the minimum root plate size for a eucalyptus? 3 x times stem diameter? 15 x times stem diameter? Is there root pruning records? How far from the trunk were roots pruned? Is there photographic evidence? How much root pruning is too much? Dr. Tom Smiley (Bartlet labs) says if you must prune roots try to shoot for 5 times trunk diameter. No closer than 3 times the trunk diameter. Are records available? Photos of the root pruning? Warriner's report and the City reports do not provide any testing (elastometer, tiltmeter, truck- loaded jump pull test) for evidence of proof.

Questions regarding Decisions with Ignorance or Uncertainty (Armstrong. 2016)

Definition: the chooser does not know the actual outcomes of these options or alternative actions and doesn't even know the probability of these outcomes. 1. The decision may be a priority if we have information. 2. An opinion or assumption can be can be valuable based on data to support the claim. More information can weaken as well as strengthen "the claim".

Where is the root crown excavation report showing the root crown is too small? Or damaged? Or diseased? Where is the truism of structural imbalance beyond question? What are the other factors causing leaning trees? Sunlight (phototropism) thigmomorphogenesis (wind), directional pruning? City reports do not consider risk reduction options. Dr. Armstrong logic professor Duke University teaches two kinds of probabilities

1. Apriory - probability assumes the likelihood of alternatives (e.g. a coin flip)
2. Statistical Probability – based on observed frequencies

- **Trees covered with synthetic turf, causing wet soil – some showing potential crown rot or heartwood decay – PRIORITY.**

Why did the City allow the Astro Turf to be installed?

Where are the lab test to prove? Are there records of moisture monitoring?

Risk Categorization (page 24): 27 high-risk trees with multiple defects - possible that one or more of the 27 could experience partial or whole tree failure within 36 months. One tree is probable for root or trunk failure in next 36 month (Starbucks tree). - In terms of likelihood, probable is more likely than

Does the time line (36 months) allow for any risk reduction options?
Is probability based on statistical failures records? Again, root failures? How many?
Again trunk failures? How many? Branch failures? How many? What were the circumstances that lead to the failures? What do state tree failure records say? Compared to your stats?

Asymmetrical Trees

Can you find symmetrical eucalyptus is nature? A pine tree is an example of an asymmetrical tree. How does the symmetry of a decurrent tree differ from an excurrent tree?

Marine Ave Tree Report Summary – City of Newport Beach Department of Public Works

Conclusions and Recommendation (Page 27): Our consultant is recommending 27 trees to be removed that pose a high risk and to re-evaluate the remaining 12 moderate rated trees in one year.

City Arborist Recommendation: I agree that the 27 trees are in a high risk category for the potential to cause severe consequences from either whole tree failure or a large limb.

Remove first ten high-risk Eucalyptus trees this year (2019)

Can any of the 27 trees be managed to reduce the risk? All 27 need to go? Two reports say otherwise. Are the other reports considered unreliable or are the consultants considered incompetent?

Has anyone mentioned the value to the economic activity of the business district, the contribution to the tax base of the city? The memories of the community? The appraised value? The contributory real estate market value, aesthetic value, or sentimental value? The wildlife values? What value is fully understood that applies to the Committee? Has anyone considered the cost to replace large specimen trees? Does it matter? Are there other stakeholders such as the community? Does the Commission support urban forestry?

As a triage system in dealing with multiple high-risk trees, we propose the following:
1. Remove ten high-risk Eucalyptus trees this year (2019). Trees selected have significant defects

How do you define a minor, moderate, or significant defect? How many defects are possible? Is a leaning tree a defect? Is a narrow branch a natural characteristic of a lemon scented gum?

Asymmetrical, co-dominant limbs, dieback, contact growth, suspected heartwood decay.

All trees recommended for removal seem to have similar issues? How many level 3 risk advanced assessments have been done on the 27 trees suggested to remove? Have all risk reduction strategies and measures been exhausted per the Special Tree Policy G-1?

Where are the measurements? Lab tests? Tree tests? To back up this claim; Please provide.

1. **Future replacement tree species would be decided after recommendations from City Council.**

Should a preservation committee have a say so? Should anyone in the community have a say so? Should the public works have entire say so? Should the council consider the investment the community has in supporting the heritage of Marine Ave? Is a preservation committee such a threat to the betterment of the community that they should be regarded as nothing but trouble? Is caring such a bad thing? Does democracy and public trust matter to decision makers?

Mark Porter, Consulting Arborist

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American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA)
Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture (WCISA)
California Urban Forest Council
Inland Urban Forest Council
Cal Fire Southern California Forest Pest Committee
Victoria Avenue Forever
California Tree Failure Report Program Co-operator
Urban Forest Council (created the Urban Forest Management Plan Tool Kit, a free on-line urban forestry management plan instructional guide. See www.ufmptoolkit.com.

From: Jody Golding
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine Avenue Eucalyptus Trees and Project
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:15:07 PM

Dear Council Men and Women,

I am a 45 year old woman and resident on Balboa Island and grew up in Newport Heights. I attended the 8/13 study session meeting and plan on attending the 9/3 meeting as well.

At the 8/13 meeting, the city arborist spoke as well as the private paid arborist. A clear problem was presented in that there is a huge disparity between the two different arborists reports. One is affirmative of its conclusions backed by science, and is impartial to the future renovation plans the city has. The other is suggestive of findings, is not backed by science, and would clearly support or pave the way to support future renovation plans. As requested, a moratorium should be put in place while the city has the other trees tested.

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From: Randy Mcilwain
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: marine ave trees
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:58:22 PM

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as a 77 year old residence, im sick and tired of the 'residence tourists' on MY city council.....this aint new York city !!!!

From: Kristen Nesselrod
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Balboa Island- trees
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:28:48 AM

Hello,
I grew up in Newport, lived on Balboa Island (twice), and am a graduate of CdMHS. My understanding is that the species of Eucalyptus trees that line Marine Ave on Balboa Island are a different species from the problematic and deadly ones that once lined Irvine Ave. If an arborist determines that the Yellow Gum Eucalyptus have many healthy and safe years ahead, I would love to see the beautiful mature trees stay. I know the plan is to replace with trees that are "mature as possible," however, I saw a photo of one and it is very small. Furthermore, I understand that the species of Eucalyptus used as replacement are not Yellow Gum but in fact the same at the ones once used on Irvine.
I do understand the city has a responsibility to pub safety first, it makes sense to leave what safely can re saved and replace responsibly with the better species and more mature than those that are 4' high. Perhaps a hybrid approach is best rather than just wipe them all out without regard for preservation.

I'm sure you're getting lots of feedback. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.
Regards,
Kristen Nesselrod

From: office@spaceways.net
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Tree removal on Balboa Island -- Marine Avenue
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 11:23:05 AM

I lived in Newport Beach from 1964 to 1995. It was terrific. It was painful to see the old Newport fade away, though I imagine it's still a nice place to live and I'm happy for the people that live there now. Facebook allows me to keep up on changes in town. A recent conversation has alarmed me.

Remove the trees from along Marine Avenue? I don't mean to sound rude, but are you insane?

I hope that I don't need to explain WHY Balboa Island and Marine Avenue in particular are not only scenic, but of the essence of Newport Beach. Marine Avenue IS Newport Beach, and the trees that line Marine Avenue are nothing short of a treasure. What must someone be thinking to consider removing them?! If you want a shopping center, I'm sure that South Coast Plaza and Fashion Island, both architectural monstrosities, are still in operation today. Balboa Island and Marine Avenue are not shopping centers, nor should they resemble such a thing.

I'll leave it at that. Make wise decisions. Removing the trees from Marine Avenue would be far from wise, in my opinion.

Gordon Wagner
office@spaceways.net
858 485 9910

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From: Dennis Bress
To: Dept - City Council; PB&R Commission
Subject: Balboa Island Eucalyptus Trees : We want to help you :-)
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:40:00 PM

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Thank you and looking forward to seeing you all on Sept 3rd @ 6pm at the City of Newport Beach City Hall.

Best Regards,
Dennis Bress Jr.
Mobile : 714-878-1276

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From:	Detweiler, Laura
Subject:	FW: Please add to packet today
Date:	Thursday, August 29, 2019 3:50:45 PM
Attachments:	Honorable Mayor-MarineAve_Testing.pdf Tree Replacement Options-Marine Ave.pdf image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png

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Commissioners,

This information came in after we posted the agenda. All correspondence that comes in regarding the agenda after it was posted will be updated Tuesday morning. A hard copy will also be placed at your dais and in the lobby the evening of the meeting.

LAURA DETWEILER, MA | Director
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City of Newport Beach
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visit us: www.newportbeachca.gov/recreation

From: Jodi Patrich <jodipatrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Detweiler, Laura <LDetweiler@newportbeachca.gov>
Cc: Randy Black <randysocal@gmail.com>; Ed Black <edwcblack@gmail.com>; Jim Moloney <jmoloney@gibsondunn.com>; Patricia Eckert <winbee@pacbell.net>; Yen, Casper J. <CYen@gibsondunn.com>
Subject: Please add to packet today

Laura,
I understand we have until the end of day today (Thursday) to add additional information to the packet. Please add this information to the packet for the PB&R Commission's review.

Regards, Jodi -

Balboa Island Preservation Association

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August 15, 2019

Mayor Diane Dixon
City of Newport Beach

Re: Marine Ave Eucalyptus Tree(s) Testing
Bcc: Balboa Island Preservation Supporters and Board Members

Dear Honorable Mayor,

At the conclusion of the Marine Ave Tree Study Session, it was determined by several Council members that the eucalyptus trees on Marine Ave have significant value to the Newport Beach community, the Balboa Island residents and Marine Ave merchants. The Council acknowledged that additional monies and attention should be spent preserving the designated Special Trees on Marine Ave, and that all assessment reports by the City and BIPA, including all tree testing and lab should be provided for full review and evaluation to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission (PBRC). The Council also stated, that due to the advancement of technology, the City should utilize state-of-the-art testing to determine the health of the trees so as to "do the right thing" related to preservation of these wonderful, unique public assets.

Given the paramount importance of this issue, along with the concerns that the citizens of Newport Beach have regarding the conflict of interest by Mr. Warriner, and his testimony on August 13, 2019 that the trees on Marine Ave provide no value, the BIPA requests that any testing of Marine Ave trees be done by a third party independent arborist, and that the third party arborist have extensive testing experience and appropriate testing equipment for the specified tree issues, such as Sonic Tomography to test for "heartwood decay", ground penetrating radar and root crown excavations for "root decay" and elastometer tests and tilt sensors for "leaning trunk." Mr. Warriner's assessment stated merely 'possible' health issues, which lead to the recommendation by the City for immediate removal of the 10 Special Trees on Marine Ave. This recommendation should be rescinded and a new recommendation should be formulated based on actual scientific evidence collected on every tree. In addition, it's in everyone's best interest that you offer the BIPA the option to witness the testing by the third party tester, as well as advanced notification of this testing.

It's important that prior to September 3, 2019, the Commission should receive evidential proof to assist in their evaluation and recommendation of Marine Ave Special Trees.

Also, we ask the City to adhere to the terms of the Special Tree policy, "Prior to considering the removal of any Special Tree(s), the Municipal Operations Director, or designee, shall prepare a report identifying and implementing specific treatment to retain the tree(s). If specific treatment is unsuccessful or impractical in retaining a tree(s) then a full staff report shall be made to the Commission before any further action considering removal is taken.

We appreciate your timely response to this important request by this citizen group.

Regards,

Jodi P. Bole

Jodi P. Bole, Founder – Balboa Island Preservation Association

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August 26, 2019

Micah Martin,
Deputy Director of Public Works
Cc: Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager

Re: Replacement Trees, Marine Ave

Dear Micah,

Per our discussion, I have located several 36" box Lemon-Scented Gum eucalyptus trees. The vendor is Moon Nursery in Huntington Beach, California. The Manager is Mr. Taylor and the salesman who assisted me with finding the trees is Michael Treadway. Both can be contacted at 714-908-4821. I have also checked references, and it appears they have a very good tree selection and process. The following is specific information pertaining to the replacement trees for Marine Ave:

Moon Nursery has located in their inventory (4) 36" box Corymbia Citriodora's at $2,000 each. We also have an option to purchase (4) 24" box Corymbia Citodora's at $1,600 each. Moon Nursey will offer to replant the 24" box trees into a 36" boxes and maintain them at their nursery in Huntington Beach until the City of Newport Beach is prepared to plant them. This may be a good option moving forward to ensure availability of the Lemon-Scented gum trees. Also, after we confirm the tree species of 311/313 Marine ave e.g. eucalyptus polyanthemos, Moon Nursery can check their inventory for that particular tree.

Moon Nursery is offering the City, at no charge, the installation and fertilizing of all purchased trees. Also, if Moon Nursery installs the trees, they will provide the City a 90-day warranty, which includes root shock. They require all roots and tree stumps have been removed. There is a charge of $199.00 to transfer the tree(s) from both Gilroy, California and their Arizona tree lot. The transfer fee is a one-time fee and includes all trees if shipped at one time.

Considering we have five open tree wells, three trees that are not like-for-like, and the potential of a few trees to be removed over the next 2-12 months, it appears we need to secure between 10-12 trees. I believe Moon Nursey can be a source for mature Marine Avenue replacement trees.

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards,

Jodi P. Bole

Jodi P Bole, BIPA

36" Eucalypthus citriodora 19'-20' X 5'-6'

From: pmak@aol.com
To: Dept - City Council; PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine Avenue Trees Input
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 4:22:39 PM

I am a concerned log term seasonal resident on Balboa Island. I have watched this Marine Street tree issue over the last several years. I watched streaming online the last meeting several weeks ago with city council, your information gathering meeting, and was appalled how this council seems to have stacked the deck against our, the majority of residents, wishes over the trees. Unless he was lying, the independent arborist who the residents brought in, was an indisputable superior expert witness compared to your own arborist on staff or the outside contractor who quite honestly was a joke, and could only mutter your concern for liability. We don't want to hear about any more honest mistakes of our city staff. We all work hard, but if we keep making communications mistakes or actionable mistakes, we lose our jobs.

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All of this needs to be transparently communicated with residents **before** any final decisions are made. We do not want any trucks or workers to bring the trees down or even a tree down, into our community without a detailed explanation and agreed upon decisions with the citizen groups. No surprises. Total transparency. If you feel it's all just miscommunication, re-watch the council meeting and you'll see where it comes from. We want to work with you to help you improve this process, as it has not been good to date.

Also, please recommend to City Council for the formation of the Marine Avenue Preservation Committee so that this committee can work with you and the city and be the interface to communicate with Balboa Island residents, the BIIA Balboa Island Improvement Association and the BIPA Balboa Island Preservation Association. We are excited about the island's future, that's why we live here, so we need to keep our Eucalyptus trees in the best shape, individual care, to keep our iconic Marine Avenue look that is known the world over and whose shade and serenity of look, helps to significantly generate significant tax base from our merchants.

We want this to work, and to have a good, functioning, and agreed-upon process of communications and replacement only where necessary and a guarantee for putting new large gum eucalyptus trees in the current & any future empty locations.

Let us help you make your job easier. We want to help. Hell, we'd even be willing to assume some of the costs I'll bet, like we already have with the independent arborist, We are that passionate about this. Thank you and looking forward to seeing you all on Sept 3rd @ 6pm at the City of Newport Beach City Hall.

Best Regards

Pat Makris
630-660-4099

From: gayden tiss
To: PB&R Commission
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 5:13:39 PM

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Thank you,
Gayden Tiss
Balboa Island
949 933-8452

From: Jody Golding
To: PB&R Commission; Webb, Dave (Public Works); Dept - City Council
Subject: Fwd: Eucalyptus trees on Marine Avenue
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:53:09 PM

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Alyce Golding <goldingsoasis@gmail.com>
Date: Aug 29, 2019 3:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: Eucalyptus trees on Marine Avenue
To: Jody <phenixdezines@hotmail.com>
Cc:

> This was to parks. Hope you. Can send them for me.
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> Sent
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > To remove and replace the eucalyptus trees on Maine street with "cookie cutter" species that resemble all new developments in Irvine etc. would destroy the charm of Main Street.
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> > thank you, Alyce Golding, former 50 year resident of Newport Beach and mother of a present resident of Balboa Island.
> > Sent

From: Jody Golding
To: Brenner, Joy; Herdman, Jeff; O"Neill, William
Cc: Leung, Grace; Webb, Dave (Public Works); Dept - City Council; PB&R Commission
Subject: Re: Marine Avenue Eucalyptus, Rehab Project, Transparency & Working For The Public
Date: Thursday, August 29, 2019 7:24:07 PM

By the way, this isn't just about Marine Avenues charm but also the views of residents on the island. Gorgeous to wake up to the sunrise peeking through the trees.

On Aug 29, 2019 7:18 PM, phenixdezines@hotmail.com wrote:

> Thank you for your speedy responses. At the same time, leaving the island this am seeing all of the yellow stapled signs from the public works department on our trees, pre the 9/3 meeting, is again disturbing and evident the people's voice has not been received and out of the box thinking to solve problems, as Grace Leung was voted into her seat for, is not being sought after or utilized.
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> No one wants a safety hazard or danger lurking on our streets. What we don't want is another characterless shell of what used to be a warm place in the hearts of residents and tourists alike for about a hundred years. There has to be a way. As one friend from high school wrote me(who's not totally on board with the save the trees campaign), he said, "figure it out Newport." I concur. Exactly. You can fix any problems, if deemed legitimate and also replace with like eucalyptus and maintain the charm. Will you heed the call of many generations past and future? We don't need another stale, Irvine Company, strip mall version of something historic and charming. And if you don't like it or think it's charming then don't come here....but respect the majority who live here please. There has to be a way.
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> On Aug 29, 2019 5:26 AM, "Brenner, Joy" <JBrenner@newportbeachca.gov> wrote:
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> > Good Morning,
> > The city arborist did a risk assessment while the other arborist did not. He did a very expensive test which the city did not. People are often critical of how government spends our money and if we did that test on many of our 36,000 +/- trees in Newport Beach, there would be much less money to pay down our pension liability or hire safety personnel or solve the Homeless situation or build seawalls or dredge the bay.
> >
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> >
> > *Joy Brenner*
> > *Newport Beach City Council*

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Thank you for your time,
Jody Golding

From: Susan Bartoletti
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Trees
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 2:13:36 AM

I oppose the removal of the trees on Balboa Island. I have lived here for forty years and I still love the island and it's charm. Balboa Peninsula was ruined on Main Street when they removed the trees. Corona Del Mar suffered the same fate.

Sincerely,

Susan Bartoletti

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From: Barbara Nielsen
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Make fair decisions on B.I. based on Property Owner's wishes
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 9:27:07 AM

Dear Sirs,

As a Balboa Island property owner I care deeply about preserving the "look" of Marine Avenue. Please save the trees!

Please do not get caught up in the California "Throwaway" mode. We like our Traditional atmosphere. Think Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard.

Sincerely
Barbara Nielsen
Sent from my iPad

From: Cynthia Mc Granahan
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Eucalyptus trees
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 9:49:23 AM

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Cynthia McGranahan
Lyle Dawn

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From: Mary Ann Welles
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Trees balboa
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 12:12:08 PM

Please don't repeat your illegal removal of trees like you did on Main Street. Please let the residents decide. Thank you

Mary Ann Welles
949-683-0631

From: Stinson, Mariah
To: Stinson, Mariah
Subject: FW: August Activities
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:25:09 AM

From: Lee Pearl <smartpearl1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Carol Preusch <carol@preusch.net>
Cc: Webb, Dave (Public Works) <DAWebb@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: Re: August Activities

Carol: I have forwarded you comments to the City. Thanks for your feedback. Lee Pearl

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From: Carol Preusch <carol@preusch.net>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 12:49 PM
To: smartpearl1@hotmail.com <smartpearl1@hotmail.com>
Cc: preusch@preusch.net <preusch@preusch.net>
Subject: RE: August Activities

Lee,

I am not able to attend the meeting on September third, but would like to give you my thoughts concerning the eucalyptus trees on Marine Avenue. I have never felt comfortable having the mature trees and the reason being that they may pose a danger to our residents and visitors. When our son was a freshman at Pomona College, following a period of heavy rains a eucalyptus tree fell on the automobile of two of his friends who were killed when driving to class. As you must recall, a young woman was killed on Irvine Avenue by a fallen eucalyptus and the trees were subsequently removed and replaced by lovely flowering trees. Poppy Avenue also removed the eucalyptus and replaced them with flowering trees. Since some of the trees on Marine Avenue have been identified by arborists as diseased, then my vote is certainly to remove all the eucalyptus and replace them with flowering trees like we now have between Dad's and the church.

Carol Preusch
230 Opal Ave.

From: lee pearl [mailto:smartpearl1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2019 6:37 AM
To: carol@preusch.net
Subject: August Activities

BIIA Activities

Dear residents of Balboa Island and members of the BIIA:

FREE TODAY Kenny Hale was sick for his scheduled Concert in Balboa Island Park. Today 6:00 pm -7:30 he will return to perform his Neil Diamond concert. Bring your **LOW** chairs, food, family, friends. Presented by the BIIA and co-sponsored by the City of Newport Beach.

The Next Balboa Island Classical Concert is to be held on this Tuesday September 3, 2019 7 p.m. at St. John Vianney Chapel on Marine Avenue. Tickets are $10/pp and may be purchased at Island Home Décor at 313 Marine Avenue or at the door.

Removal of Ten Eucalyptus Trees on Marine Avenue. This will be discussed at the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 3 from 6-7 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The City has marked the trees on Marine Avenue. A group of Island residents are closely following this issue.

City of Newport Beach August workshop on Cottage preservation and new home three story massing (the practice of allowing the third story of the home to be at the edge of the home making it look out of proportion to other homes).

The workshop was well attended and I have included below the City Manager update on the project. Very positive with good feedback from the public. Three changes were presented, Cottage, massing and changes to the RM zoned properties. Cottages may be allowed to add square footage without requiring additional parking and other improvements to the property. This and other proposed changes will be incentives to keep and improve cottages. The project will be discussed at the next City Council workshop with no decision.

City Manager Update: Residential Design Standards Community Meeting Update On Monday, August 19, 2019, Community Development Department staff held a community meeting to share potential code amendments to address residential design standards. The intent of the amendments are to reduce third floor massing associated with recent residential development trends, height and bulk of single-unit dwellings and duplexes in the Multiple Unit Residential (RM) Zoning District, and incentivize the preservation of beach cottages. The meeting was well attended by over 60 members of the public and design community. Generally, the proposed

amendments related to reducing third floor massing and incentives for preservation of cottages were well received and supported by the community. However, several property owners of RM zoned lots shared significant concerns related to the proposed amendment to restrict height and massing of single-unit dwellings and duplex structures in the RM zone, including loss of property values and unequal application of standards to properties in the same zone. Prior to proceeding with the proposed amendments, staff will provide an update to the City Council during study session at their September 10, 2019, meeting

We also post information on Nextdoor Balboa Island, a free local neighborhood forum. This is a good way to meet your neighbor rs and discuss important local matters. On Next Door you can get a daily digest and pick and choose the topics of interest without getting too many emails

http://www.nextdoor.co

BIIA website

www.balboaislandnb.org/

Your voluntary membership of the BIIA supports our efforts! Please use the form below to continue your membership for 2019. You can also mail a check to BIIA P.O. Box 64 Balboa Island CA 92662

Thanks!

Lee Pearl
Vice President BIIA

- Online Membership Payments -

Tanner Hill remains as Membership chair for the BIIA. His contact information is below.

Membership Levels:

Basic: $50 **Bronze: $100** **Silver: $250**

Gold: $500 **Diamond: $1000**

Join at the Gold or Silver level and you will receive a printed Balboa Island banner or flag. At the Diamond level, it is appliqued.

Payment Instructions:

- After clicking on your preferred donation amount above, you will be re-directed to the payment page.

- It is very important to fill out all of the fields completely so we get your address to send out letters & decals.

- After submitting the required information a receipt will automatically be emailed to you.

- Any questions can be directed to me; 949-433-9563 or tannerjhill@gmail.com

- THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! -

Sincerely,

Tanner Hill
BIIA Membership Chairman
tannerjhill@gmail.com
949-433-9563

Balboa Island Improvement Association
Balboa Island, CA 92662

From: Ann Gildersleeve
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Eucalyptus Trees
Date: Friday, August 30, 2019 3:54:23 PM

Dear PBR,

I am in agreement with the majority of residents in Newport Beach in that the trees along Marine Ave. should remain if possible. If the trees have a disease, all efforts should be made to rehab rather than just simply remove. The trees have been in place for years and make for a very pleasing aesthetic.

Best regards,

Ann Gildersleeve
Newport Beach Resident
714-425-2500

From: Shawn Mastos
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 2:38:58 PM

Why would anyone want
To take history away. I work down hear all I hear is how people love out street. Family's have come
For years. I am chairman of the BIPA. I don't quite understand the lack of care for our trees. Please give them water
We live in a world with so much knowledge. We can redo this street and keep the charm. I was there when they came in the far and cut the trees. and then gave them NO WATER. Thanks Shawn Mastos

Sent from my iPhone

From: Anita Rovsek
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine avenue trees
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:16:32 PM

We are 100% OPPOSED to the removal of these special trees. These are the epitome of our Balboa Island charm.

Kindest Regards,

Anita

From: Mo Cook
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine St trees
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 6:22:32 PM

The trees are such a part of the island low key vibe. Please leave them!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Janet Yee
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Re Balboa Island Eucalyptus Trees
Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019 10:11:54 PM

I am Janet Yee at 115 Pearl Ave Balboa Island. My husband and I bought our home here in 1984. We were in residence here when you felled the trees on Main St. on Balboa. This was done despite protest from Balboa residents and shop owners. That village has never recovered! The ficus are just a memory. This has impacted my trust. I do not want our eucalyptus to just be a memory. I am in support of keeping our historical landmark trees on Marine Ave.

The landmark trees on Marine Ave are what makes it charming here. It is why visitors come here to shop. It is why we are proud of our village and walk, eat and shop here.

I have loved the eucalyptus trees on Marine Avenue way back to visiting the Island as a teenager in the 60', then bringing my family to vacation here till my dream of living here was fulfilled. This is my home and I fear the "improvements" you are proposing. If I wanted to shop in a mall with uniform trees, matching smooth sidewalks and zero ambiance I'd head to any Irvine property or Palm Springs. Shudder!

Posting signs on our trees offering a choice for us to choose a replacement smacks of manipulation. Your attempt of slyly "offering a choice" to the villagers is not only meant to manipulate folks into thinking they have a choice, but underlines your intent to remove our trees. What a poor choice you made in posting those signs! They are a big wake up call. Heads up ...people are watching.

I am apposed to the eucalyptus trees being removed!

Regards,
Janet Yee

From: Paula Castanon
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Balboa island trees
Date: Sunday, September 01, 2019 7:02:15 AM

Please respect the opinions of we the people who want to preserve our BI trees.

If there are diseased trees as stated by a certified arborist allow we, the people, to peruse the reports and discuss a resolution to the issue

Respectfully yours

Paula Castanon
45 year resident of Newport Beach

Sent from my iPhone

From: Roberta Daniel
To: PB&R Commission
Date: Sunday, September 01, 2019 11:31:56 AM

Please don’t cut trees down on Marine Ave.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Donald Keys
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Save the Trees
Date: Sunday, September 01, 2019 4:45:04 PM

Sent from my iPad

From: Debbie McDonald
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Balboa Island Tree Removal
Date: Monday, September 02, 2019 9:07:41 AM

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

I have read the information about the trees on Balboa Island and have heard enough to come to the decision that the trees should remain and P & R should respect the wishes of the majority of the residents and business owners and take a hands off approach to this issue.
I am a 55 year resident of the city of Newport beach and a vacationing visitor to Balboa Island since 1954. Please don't mess up the look and feel of this great spot.

Bryan McDonald
Cameo Highlands

From: judy jones
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Trees on Balboa Island
Date: Monday, September 02, 2019 9:26:45 AM

I am writing in regard to the trees on Balboa Island. I have lived on the island for 50 years and have looked at these wonderful trees every day for all of these years. I live on Onyx and Balboa Ave. and can see the trees from my home and yard. I think they are beautiful and would be sick if they were removed. They provide such a beautiful canopy for Marine Ave. They are truly iconic.
A suggestion was made to plant smaller, more colorful trees in between these beautiful giants which would add interest and color.
I realize there are people who disagree with this but I think we all, no matter which side we are on, all want the best for our island and I am hopeful a reasonable and beautifying conclusion can be reached.
Thank you so much,
Judy Jones
226 Onyx Ave.
Balboa Island, CA 92662

From: Jane Vermeulen
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Save Marine Ave
Date: Monday, September 02, 2019 10:11:42 AM

I live on Balboa Island. Please save the trees, don't change it, let's clean it up and keep the charm. Street needs to be paved. The island could be cleaned up but keep the charm.

Jane Vermeulen
949-375-0295

From: Msgr. Lawrence J. Baird
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine Avenue
Date: Monday, September 02, 2019 10:36:17 AM

I am writing to keep our current trees on Marine Avenue so that our beautiful Balboa Island may continue to be a wonderful ambiance for residents and guests .

From: hrlowy2AOL.COM
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: trees balboa is
Date: Monday, September 02, 2019 1:44:26 PM

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from ray lowy accent interior design 333 marine ave

Have been at this location since 1967 the oldest original owner on the st business on the

island for most of us has been slow this year you can tell from the vacancies on the st we love or trees and

do not need construction at this time to keep people away I'm totally against taking the trees down

ray lowy owner accent interiors

From: John Swain
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Preserve Our Trees
Date: Monday, September 02, 2019 8:31:27 PM

Please preserve our Marine Ave Trees,

John and Mona Swain

Residents since 1966

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/2fe782ca-71db-40b9-94fe-834d653acf64/downloads/Preserve%20Marine%20Avenue!.pdf?ver=1566425140600

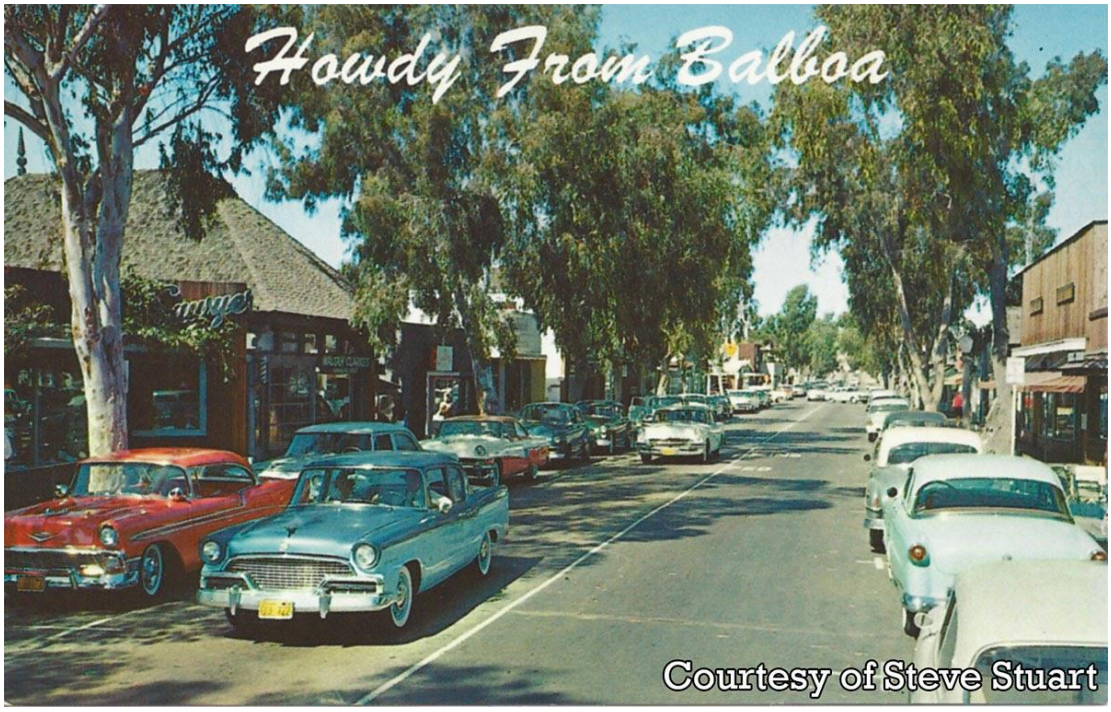
SAVE MARINE AVE AND OUR TREES

The residents and merchants – those most affected by the City's proposed "reconstruction" of Marine Avenue – must have their rightful say in changes which would affect the character of our cherished "Main Street" **including the removal of all Marine Ave Landmark Eucalyptus trees.**

Balboa Island NEEDS an official Marine Avenue Preservation Committee!

- Transparency: Open up the government processes which have been kept opaque by City staff to date.
- Meaningful voice: Give the real stakeholders the input they have been denied.
- Compliance: Enforce compliance with the City's own regulations – including the City's official Tree Policy G-1 – which have been conspicuously flouted by City Staff so far.
- Oversight: Ensure that the City staff keeps elected officials and stakeholders informed and obtains appropriate approvals before it takes actions (such as the City staff's planned removal of our historic Yellow Gum Eucalyptus trees) which cannot be reversed.

In a poll of Island residents, **94.6%** of respondents voted to maintain the quaint, historical character of Marine Avenue made famous worldwide through movies and television shows such as Arrested Development and the OC.



City staff has a different vision. See the City's rendering of "new" Marine Avenue (described by one resident as "**Palm Springs on a bad day!**"):

Balboa Island Preservation Association went door-to-door on Marine Avenue to consult the merchants and non-profit groups (Balboa Island Museum and St. John Vianney Chapel), which have been ignored by the City staff. It found widespread dismay and frustration at the City's plan to remove the iconic trees which have shaded Marine Avenue since the 1930s, and concern at the effect the City's massive, months-long construction plans would have on their businesses.

The heritage trees lining Marine Avenue have adapted to the harsh condition of coastal salt and sandy soils, despite annual over-pruning by the City Department of Public Works. Indeed, Richard Harlow, Chairman of the Horticulture Department at OCC and a Board-Certified Master Arborist (the highest level ISA designation which is held by less than two percent of all certified arborists) has opined that the historic Lemon Gum Eucalyptus trees are well suited for their locations and have a probable remaining life span of approximately seventy to eighty years. He saw "no signs of wood rot diseases that would signal immediate attention".

Yet City staff has been determined to replace the iconic trees from the beginning. In their March 23, 2018 report, their "Initial Observations" included the unsupported statement of "Aging trees in decline" and stated that the "trees must be replaced". In their later Marine Avenue Reconstruction Project Update posted on the City website, they again included without discussion "Tree replacements".

It should be noted that Marine Avenue does NOT have any Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees, the entirely different species which lined Irvine Avenue. Blue Gums are not good street trees and, in addition to the tragedy on Irvine Avenue, have generated 268 failure reports to the Western Tree Failure Database (WTFD). In contrast, the Yellow Gum tree is recommended as a street tree by Southern California Street Tree Inc. and has generated very few reports since the WTFD was created in 1987.

The City's preferred replacement tree, the Palm, has of course suffered many failures, including the collapse of replacement trees planted on Irvine Avenue.

Picture taken in Spring 2019.

Balboa Island Preservation Association commissioned Certified Arborist Greg Applegate of Arborgate Consulting to perform an in-depth evaluation of the Marine Avenue trees. Applegate is a highly respected Arborist and the very first certified tree risk assessor in California. He consults on large-scale, complex tree projects for organizations such as UCI, USC, Disney, J Paul Getty Museum and the State of California.

Greg reported that "(c)ompared to most other common urban street trees [Marine Avenue's Yellow Gum Eucalyptus] have very few bad characteristics and more good characteristics, such as less pavement lifting and sign blockage. . . . they do not commonly shed large branches and toppling is very rare". This is confirmed by the City's eighty plus years of good experience with the trees.

Applegate recommended that the City "**Preserve and protect as many lemon gums as possible**."

On hearing of the Applegate report, City staff hired their own arborist, Walt Warriner. Warriner's recommendation is a complete contrast to several professional arborist opinions. Also concerning is that Warriner issued his report on May 10, 2019 – *after* the City's latest pre-dawn pruning of the City-designated "Special Trees", which is now being used by the City to justify the removal of our Special Trees.

Balboa Island Preservation Association hired a third arborist – Certified Arborist Mark Porter, a board member of the Inland Urban Forest Council, to review Warriner's conclusions. Among other things, Porter describes Warriner's report as subjective, contrary to the process of highly credentialed independent consulting arborists, ignoring potential risk reduction strategies and lacking any risk assessment testing to support his claim.

City arborist Warriner did not even perform any pathological testing of the trees. Balboa Island Preservation Association at its own expense gathered a representative sample of the foliage pruned by the City and had it tested by Waypoint Analytical. After running cultures and other tests, the Plant Pathologist found no pathogens and no signs of cankers, vascular staining or wood-boring insect activity.

It appears that history is repeating itself. A longtime Island resident informed BIPA that City staff tried the same gambit over twenty years ago – claiming that the Marine Avenue trees were diseased and needed to be immediately replaced. Past City officials put a stop to it then and the Island has enjoyed twenty more years of the charm and environmental benefits of the historic trees.

The City's attack on the Marine Avenue heritage trees threatens not just the natural environment and historical character of Balboa Island, but its property values as well. Studies show that mature trees and beautiful landscaping attract buyers, shoppers and tenants, and command premium real estate prices. Beautiful trees have been shown to increase retail spending from 9 to 12 percent. Tree filled commercial areas can command 7 percent higher rental rates. Conversely, removal of mature trees can <u>reduce our property values by up to 10 to 20 percent</u>!

It should not be forgotten that Marine Avenue attracts worldwide attention. It is promoted as charming, historical and unique by media outlets, local and international real-estate companies, Trip Advisor and more. Walking down the tree-shaded sidewalks of Marine Avenue, and grabbing a world-famous Balboa Bar or Frozen Banana, is THE iconic Newport Beach experience. Historic Marine Avenue is THE iconic Newport Beach location. If the City destroys what makes Balboa Island special, it would not just be a problem for the residents and shopkeepers of Balboa Island, but for the restaurateurs, merchants and hoteliers of Newport Beach. In addition, it could attract unfavorable attention nationally and even internationally.

Preserve Marine Avenue!
Preserve our Special Trees!

Make your voice heard! Email the City Council at citycouncil@newportbeachca.gov to support the establishment of the Marine Avenue Preservation Committee!

And

Attend the Council Meeting on the Trees

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Newport Beach Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive

From: Pekar, Kevin
To: "Katey Burkett"; PB&R Commission
Subject: RE: For your consideration
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 6:41:06 AM

Ms. Burkett:

The City hopes to replace 10 high-risk or severely declining Eucalyptus with replacement Eucalyptus trees, not palm trees. Sorry for the misinformation.

I believe both San Diego and Newport Beach are great places to work and live!

Kevin Pekar

Landscape Manager and City Arborist

From: Katey Burkett <kateyannb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 02, 2019 9:01 PM
To: PB&R Commission <PBRCommission@newportbeachca.gov>
Subject: For your consideration

Good evening,

My name is Katey Burkett and I am a seventeen year old girl living in San Diego. I had the recent pleasure of getting to visit your beautiful town over the weekend because my mother is planning to move there, and wanted to look at available housing. I was truly bewildered by its beauty and charm. Your town is quaint, historic, and full of new sights beyond each corner.

The street that embodies this, to me, is Marine Avenue. My mother and I were in love with your shops, restaurants, and overall design. The unique look of your trees magnified the street's beauty.

Whilst exploring Marine Avenue, a woman approached us. She told us that your commission planned to redesign the street, this included replacing the elegant trees standing with palm trees. She showed me a photograph of your plan and, with all due respect, I found it to be very boring and lackluster.

As a southern Californian, I see palm trees constantly. You see them all over the state. On the drive to Newport Beach, I saw countless of them. By replacing the unique and beautiful trees you already have of Marine Avenue, you would be taking away a true charm, and turning it into mediocrity.

Your citizens agree with me. I saw many people showing their support for this cause with t-shirts, signs, and even yard work. They love the beauty it brings to one of the most beautiful streets in California, and so do the tourists. It would be a true disappointment for me to visit

my mother next year, and see Marine Avenue having turned into a bland California street.

So I ask if your commission of nothing but to please take the words of myself and your citizens into deep thought and consideration. I ask this of you because they are words of passion, love, and also fear.

Thank you for reading,
Katey Burkett

From: Jennifer Samuel
To: PB&R Commission
Cc: jasamuel@icloud.com
Subject: Eucalyptus Trees.
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:06:54 AM

To whom it may concern
I am a resident of Balboa Island and totally opposed to the planned action of the City to remove Our Eucalyptus Trees on Marine Ave. Those trees are historical and have been part of the beauty of our downtown Marine Ave. since the 1920's.
In my opinion there seems to be an underlying bad seed person or persons who made some decisions on their own and are now trying to cover up their mistakes and are now saying these trees are diseased or unsafe.
Also, I would like to see the orange tulip tree by the church and the other tree in front of Armarees Clothing store be removed and replaced with eucalyptus trees.
The Balboa residents are speaking out loud and clear about what needs to happen in our downtown Marine Ave. in regards to our signature eucalyptus trees.
We need to feel and know that our City Council is listening to our voices, and will support us in our cause to save our PRECIOUS EUCALYPTUS TREES.
Sincerely,
Jenni Samuel
124 Pearl Ave.
Balboa Island.

Sent from my iPad

From: info@tattooyachts.com
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Balboa island trees
Date: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 8:48:48 AM

We live part time in a town in Florida that tore out its beautiful old trees downtown. Everyone regrets it now as it has completely changed the feel of the area which is now stark and hot.

Please do not tear out trees in retail areas.

Laura Sharp

From: Patricia Tannenbaum
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine Ave.
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:57:50 PM

Please keep Marine Ave. quaint and historical, keep our mature canopy of trees! do not change anything. Thank You, Patricia Tannenbaum 227 Coral Ave.

From: Mary Ann Divizia
To: PB&R Commission
Subject: Marine Avenue
Date: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 4:22:49 PM

I have been a resident of Balboa Island for over 20 years and have always enjoyed the charm of the island. The trees on Marine are a big part of that charm and the first thing you see as you come over the bridge.
There are things that could be done to improve the island that do no involve taking out the trees. The street could be redone and the sidewalks fixed to make this place even more inviting.

Thank you for your consideration.
Mary Ann Divizia

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Marine Avenue "Special" Trees

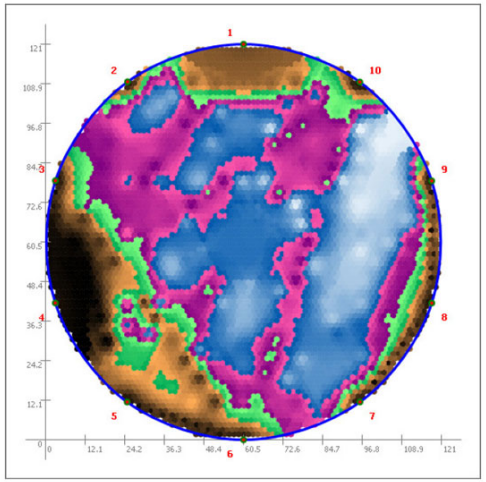
Greg Applegate, Consulting Arborist

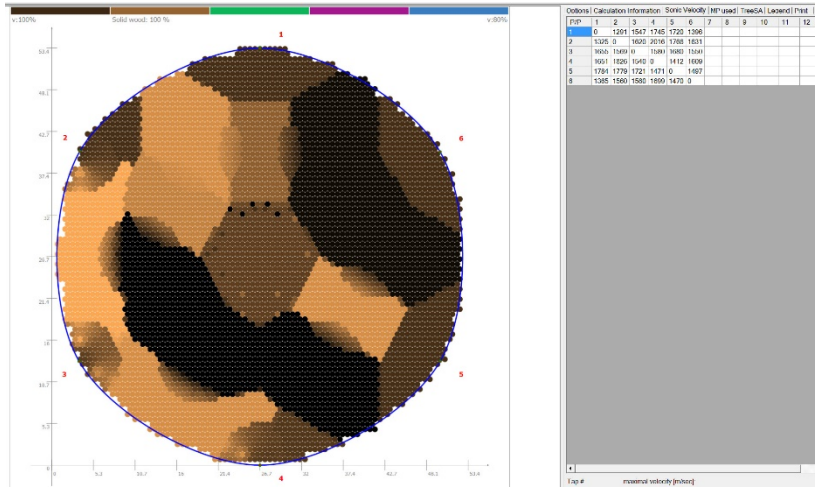
- First certified tree risk assessor in California

- Expert witness on various tree issues, such as Irvine Ave Tree

Failure to Communicate, False Claims and Misrepresentations

- Dead Tree? – 315 Marine Ave
- Fungus
- Termites
- Heartwood decay and root rot





Justification, Judgement and Value

- Regarding Fear of Eucalyptus, Without Justification
- Speaking of a Rush To Judgement
- Value of Trees

“Marine Ave Street Tree Evaluation”- Summary

- Tree assessment in December 20, 2018; the majority of trees were healthy
- Recommended trees for eventual removal and or monitor

- 326 Marine: Test Tree (Extremely messy tree - remove)
- 316 Marine Ave: Test Tree (invasive root system - remove)
- 213 Marine Ave: Test Tree (structure defects, girdled, very low growing and dense tree, will block store fronts - remove)

- 224 Marine Ave: Special Tree (Lifting sidewalk- remove within 1-2 years)
- 216 Marine Ave: Special tree (Excessive pruning, poor health, and lion tailing - remove)

- My recommendations stand

Mark Porter, Consulting Arborist

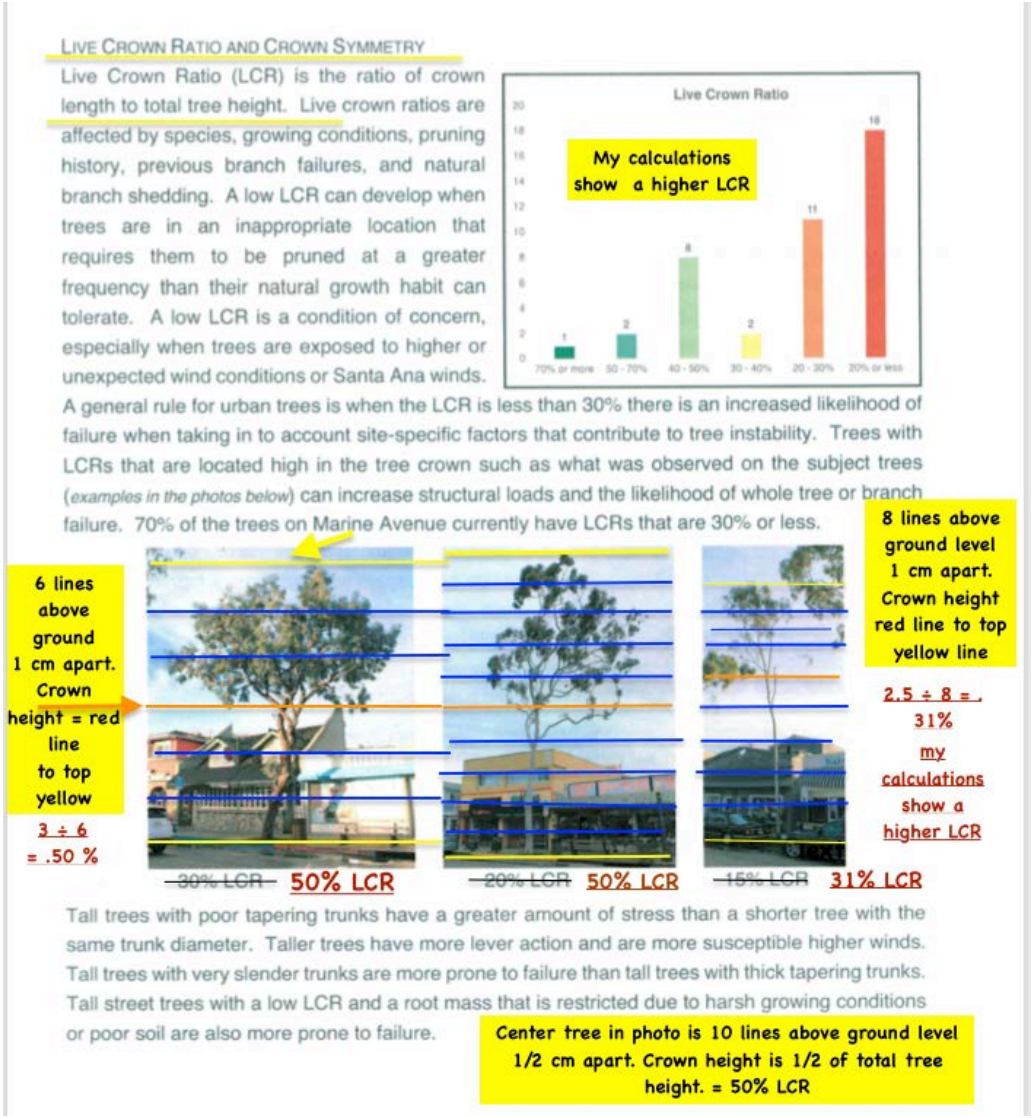
- Testing, No evidence - would you put your mother in hospice?
- University of California Western Tree Failure Database - Lemon Scented Gum
- *(Corymbia citriodora)* **only 3 root failures were reported in 32 years.**

Live Crown Ratio

- City's recommendation to remove trees based on a low LCR

*"Live Crown Ratio (LCR) and Crown Symmetry (Page 13-14): Many trees with a low LCR **(less than 30%),** which increases likelihood of failure when exposed to high winds, such as "Santa Anas".*

- The LCR calculations are inaccurate



Mark Porter, Consulting Arborist

- What is a tree worth? - Inland Urban Forest article
- Applegate's report is comprehensive
- Warriner’s report does not address mitigation

Jim Moloney

- City has not been forthright with the BIPA, residents or merchants
- Warriner's Removal recommends 27+ trees removed / replaced

  Newport Beach City Arborist Review & Recommendations

  "Concur that 27 trees are in the High-Risk Category due to Risk of Whole Tree or Large Limb Failure."
- Make No Mistake About The Numbers: (10) in 2019 + (17) in 2010-2021 = (27) + tree/test wells = 90% of Special Trees Removed
- BIPA was formed by concerned residents when they learned of City Plans to remove trees and change the character of Marine Ave.
- BIPA met with the City Staff seeking answers (April 11, 2019)

Meeting with City Staff

- We Asked Several Pointed Questions to the Staff:
  - Why are the trees not being maintained?
  - Why was artificial turf allowed on the trees for 10 years?
  - Why are the trees crowns being reduced each year?
  - Why has the City not replaced the trees as per City Tree Policy?
  - Why are there so many tree wells empty for so long (vacant for several years)?

Staff Comments

Dave Webb, meeting with BIPA (April 11, 2019)

> *“Once all the trees are gone, 6 months later no one will even remember the trees”*

> *“Change can be difficult at first, but eventually everyone will get used to it”*

BIPA Reports

- Reports attest that the trees are healthy / stable
- Staff Response - “It’s not really the health of the trees that is at issue, it is the root intrusion into the pipes” and the “Eucalyptus Trees are not appropriate for the area”
- So where’s the proof?
- Why have so many of these trees lasted on Marine Ave. for so many years; while the City’s latest test trees languish with leaves turning brown in only 2 – 3 years

City Reports

- City has retained its own arborist (Walt Warriner) for the specific purpose of contradicting BIPA's independent arborists and testing
- Staff comments include: *"We have to make our arborist look better than their arborist"* (documents obtained via open records request)
- After providing City with copies of the arborist report indicating the health and stability of trees (Jan. 2019), the City Staff sat on Walt Warriner's report for some 5 months before ultimately providing a copy in response to public records request (Aug. 2019)
  - ➢ evidence of a lack of transparency and "hide-the-ball" mentality

Concealing the Project Plan

- City Councilman Jeff Herdman has communicated extensively with Dave Webb and City Staff seeking the removal of trees and plans to redevelop Marine Ave.

Jeff Herdman quote (obtained via public records request):

> *"I'm hearing that there are renderings of what Marine Ave might look like on the City website. I sure would like to have them pulled. People are letting folks know about these renderings with the Eucalyptus trees replaced by palm trees"*

City Staff Responds (obtained via public records request):

> *"It will take work to fix the page so it's not obvious where the rendering were"*

- So if its about safety, why didn't the City and Councilman Herdman reach out to the community regarding our concerns?
- Why conceal the plans?

Where's the Evidence?

- Claims of trunk decay, root rot
- BIPA (using its own funds) used scientific testing to prove no decay, no disease.
  - City Staff uninterested in such findings because they are contrary to their desired conclusion – that is the trees must go!
- The testing done is only further evidence that the staff's casual street-side observations are far from certain.
- And most recently, City Staff has begun to claim: fungus among-us, not to mention termites as support for their preferred determination that the trees must go!

Uniform Judgment

- The City is responsible for some 38,000+ trees
- Marine Ave has approx. 40 trees
- It is curious to see these 40 trees are at the top of the list
  - Not a moment to spare; all are sick, all are dying
  - All must be removed within the next year or so
- How could all of these trees be at risk at once
  - All at the same time; all as a precursor to what?
  - What about all the other leaning trees in Newport?

Bayside Drive (south), Newport Beach
September 1, 2019

Underlying Reason

- Plain and simple: the City wants to ‘upgrade’ Marine Ave.
- It’s not about drainage or safety . . .
- Despite the clear message from the community (residents and merchants):
  - Don’t fix what isn’t broken!
- The City continues to push forward with its plans to condemn the trees on Marine Ave. – all at once if possible, or piecemeal over the next year or two

Driving Force

- It is known there are several New Owners on Marine Ave
- These updates are no doubt Developer-driven incentives
- Taxpayers are left to foot the bill for something they don’t want or need
- Removal of trees in the next few years is convenient and in perfect harmony with City plans to update infrastructure and facilitate development
- Removal of the majority of the trees fall within the same timeframe as replacing all the proposed infrastructure; streets, sidewalks, benches, signs, etc.

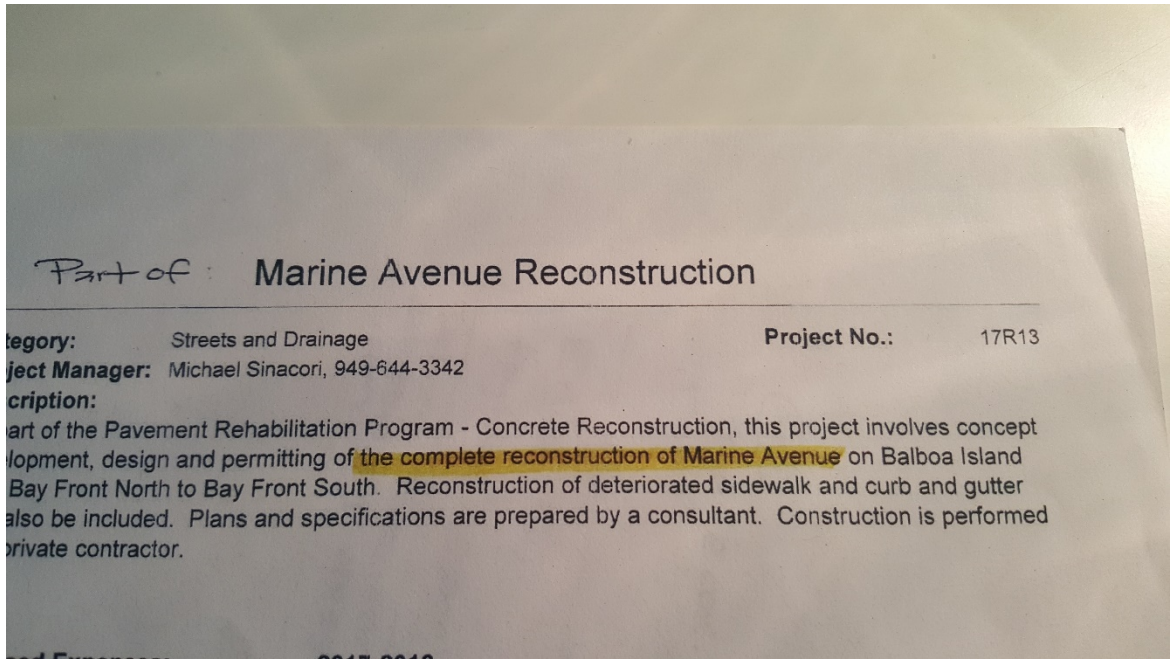
A Great Responsibility

- These are not just any trees
- The land and first trees on Marine Ave were donated by Island residents and merchants
- Mature canopy of the eucalyptus is unique and is what draws visitors and tourists alike
- These trees have stood the test of time
- This is our home; consider the wishes of those who live here
- And if “public safety” (potential liability) is the real concern, then why hasn’t the City looked into tree insurance to cover any resulting liability? It would be far cheaper than chopping down and replacing!

Jodi Bole

The Project

- Redevelopment
- Refurbishment
- Reconstruction
- Improvements


Part of Marine Avenue Reconstruction

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- Within the project Plan

"the first phase of the project, an improved drainage system for Marine Avenue."

The ‘Project’ is the Catalyst to Tree Removal

Fact:

- Plan renderings
- All new trees
- No eucalyptus trees

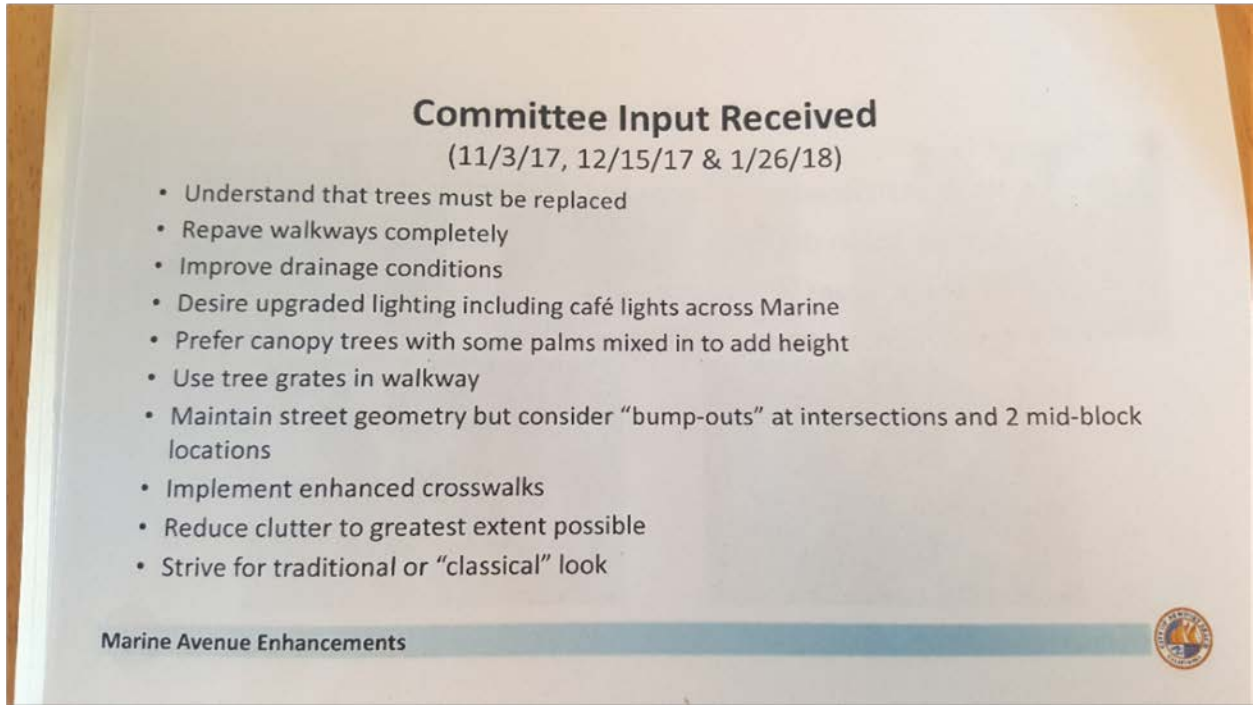
The Tress **ARE NOT** separate from The Project

The ‘Project’ is the Catalyst to Tree Removal

Plan States:

“Understand that the trees must be replaced” “Prefer canopy trees with palms mixed in”

City - “the trees are at the end of their life”



The ‘Project’ is the Catalyst of Tree Removal

John Noyes, Head of the Redevelopment Group

August 13, 2019 – Tree Study Session

“The nexus is the fact that the Project has been the catalyst of the tree issue”

Intent

- 5 empty tree wells for several years
- 3 “test trees” planted in empty wells
- Test trees- spec’d in project plan

Intent

- No prior assessment of trees before removal plans
- Message of disease and danger to merchants
- No “treatment report”, as required by the City/Commission

I. SPECIAL CITY TREES – Policy G-1

*“Prior to considering the removal of any Special Tree(s), …**Shall prepare a report identifying and implementing specific treatment to retain the tree(s).** If specific treatment is unsuccessful or impractical in retaining a tree(s) then a full staff report shall be made to the Commission before any further action considering removal is taken.”*

Intent

- Different species in empty tree wells (3)

I. SPECIAL CITY TREES – Policy G-1

*"The City will replace all trees removed in accordance with the Standard Trees removal criteria on a one for one basis with the **same species** or the closest equivalent wherever possible."*

- Did the Commission approve all 8 Special trees that were removed and approve the different species to be planted??
- Only two trees had removal reports - Open Records Request

  Report 318 Marine Ave & Report 326 Marine Ave

Marine Ave Trees Have Value!

I. SPECIAL CITY TREES

"It is the City's policy to retain Special City Trees ("Special Trees") categorized as Landmark, Dedicated, or Neighborhood trees, because they have historical significance, and/or contribute to, and give character to, a location or to an entire neighborhood."

- Walt Warriner Disagrees

Tree Study Session, August 13, 2019

"the cost to test the trees, outweigh the value of the trees"

- Community has paid over $8,000 for independent reports, consulting and various tests

Risk Assessment?

- Both reports – Tree Assessments (Level 2 Analysis)
- Level 3 Risk assessment utilizes testing to confirm opinion

Evidence of Proof

- City's Recommendation is not an evidence-based decision
- When the community asked the City for proof back in August 2018

Internal email-public works, August 14, 2018 9:05 AM (obtained via public records request)

> *"Do we have any written reports that basically say the trees are past their service lives and should be removed…?*

Would we even be in this Commission meeting if it weren't for a redevelopment plan in the works?

By HILLARY DAVIS, DAILY PILOT

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- Webb estimated the upgrade would cost $10 million to $15 million over 10 years.
- The proposed project would be in conjunction with a planned paving overhaul of Marine Avenue, the island's main commercial route, according to a broad capital improvement plan the city adopted last summer. The city intends to begin conceptualizing the **Marine Avenue project later this year and begin construction in 2020 or 2021.**

Next Steps: 1 (Testing)

Mayor Diane Dixon, August 13, 2019, Study Session - Regarding NEXT STEPS:

"Need to do a level 3 testing and not guess, "Special trees should go through extreme vetting and testing is the missing link."

- BIPA request any removal of trees be halted until extreme vetting and testing is conducted on all Special trees.
- BIPA agreed upon third party, independent arborist for testing

Next Steps: 2 (Larger Tree Wells)

- Expand empty tree wells and test tree wells
- Long-term Solution: Eucalyptus street trees can live 150 years

Reference: select-a-tree

Next Steps: 3 (Water for Trees)

- Increase the survival rate of new trees and health of existing
- Hand water, bubblers?

Next Steps: 4 (Pruning)

- Revisions of the current pruning schedule
- Daylight trimming/inspections for better accuracy
- Techniques for fuller crowns and healthier trees

Lemon-Scented Gum

Nesting birds in eucalyptus (Feb 1 –Aug 15)

Next Steps: Step # 5 (Tree Replacement)

- Plant eucalyptus trees in test tree wells
- Plant eucalyptus trees in (5) empty tree wells
- Opportunity for new trees to get established before removal

Next Steps: Step # 6 (Tree Removal)

- Moratorium on any Special Tree removal until after conclusive Level 3 testing is performed

AND

- Per Tree Policy, Complete treatment plan reports

  "Prior to considering the removal of any Special Tree(s), the Municipal Operations Director, or designee, shall prepare a report identifying and implementing specific treatment to retain the tree(s)."

- City Staff and BIPA to review final reports

Marine Avenue

The gem of Newport Beach