



Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Agenda

Regular Meeting
July 15, 2024
6:00 p.m.

City Hall Front Community Room
401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

Meredith Castillo
Commissioner

Dr. Arinder Chadha
Commissioner

Thomas Ingalls
Commissioner

Nick Polichetti
Vice Chair

Matthew Rocke
Chair

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REGULAR MEETING
6:00 p.m. – City Hall Front Community Room

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Rocke
Commissioner Polichetti
Commissioner Chadha
Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Ingalls

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

At this time the public may address the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission concerning any agenda item, which is not a public hearing item, or on matters within the jurisdiction of the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission. There is a five (5) minute time limit for each individual addressing the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

**1. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes of July 17, 2023**

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Approve the minutes.

**2. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes of March 18, 2024**

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Approve the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request – 708 Sue Drive

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 708 Sue Drive; and

2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 708 Sue Drive.

REGULAR AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY
Statistical update on accident and enforcement information provided by the Placentia Police Department.

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS

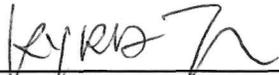
Commission members may make requests or ask questions of Staff. If a Commission member would like to have formal action taken on a requested matter, it will be placed on a future Commission Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Commission CLOSE to the next regular meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Front Community Meeting Room located at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia CA, 92870.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager/Secretary to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of the City of Placentia, hereby certify that the Agenda for the July 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of the City of Placentia was posted on July 11, 2024.



Kyra Tao, PE, PTP
Transportation Manager/
Secretary to Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission

**PLACENTIA STREETScape AND TRANSPORTAITON ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 17, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of July 17, 2023, was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Commissioner Castillo.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Ingalls
Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer

Absent: Chair Polichetti
Vice Chair Rocke
Commissioner Chadha

STAFF PRESENT: Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager
James Chavez, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Castillo

ORAL COMMENTS:

Commissioner Castillo invited public comments on items which are not public hearings.

No comment was received in person or via email.

Commissioner Castillo commented that he had received an inquiry from a resident who wanted to attend the meeting and discuss traffic concerns on Valenica Avenue.

Transportation Services Manager Tao replied to Commissioner Castilo to have the resident contact her to discuss their concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 1. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022**

Recommended Actions: Approve

MOTION by Commissioner Castillo to approve minutes. **SECOND** by Commissioner Ingalls. **CARRIED** by 3-0 vote to approve.

- 2. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2022**

Recommended Actions: Approve

MOTION by Commissioner Castillo to approve minutes. **SECOND** by Commissioner Ingalls. **CARRIED** by 3-0 vote to approve

3. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2022

Recommended Actions: Approve

MOTION by Commissioner Castillo to approve minutes. **SECOND** by Commissioner Ingalls. **CARRIED** by 3-0 vote to approve

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Oath of Office

Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer completed the Oath of Office.

New Business:

1. Citywide Wayfinding Signage Program

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.
2. Provide comments and inputs to Staff.

Transportation Manager Tao gave an update to the Commission on the Citywide Wayfinding Signage Program. She stated that the program was in its final design phase and that the preliminary concept design was presented to the Commission in March 2022. Transportation Manager Tao communicated to the Commission that a City Council Study Session was held in November 2022 to receive their feedback and have since incorporated their feedback into the final design presented tonight.

She highlighted that the proposed citywide wayfinding signage program includes an assessment of existing conditions and development of unique and authentic citywide wayfinding and street name design to reinforce community identity and placemaking. She noted that the wayfinding signs will be located on all major corridors leading to respective key destinations. Additionally, she communicated that the Old Town Placentia and Transit Oriented District (TOD) will have their own unique gateway signs highlighting the historical significance of these project areas.

2. FY 23-24 Transportation Projects Update

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

Transportation Manager Tao gave an update to the Commission on the status of the transportation projects planned for Fiscal Year 2023-24. She highlighted the following projects: Atwood Multipurpose Trail Project, Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Projects (RTSSP), Local Roadway Safety Plan, Joint Active Transportation Plan, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DIRECTORS' REPORT: None

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY:** None

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS

Chair Polichetti closed the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m. to the next special meeting of Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA.



Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager
Secretary to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission

is very little available parking for the residents as residents from nearby streets and apartments will take the available spots and leave the vehicle for days at a time. She has presented a recent parking permit petition as well as the original petition from the original proposal seven years ago.

Deputy City Administrator Luis Estevez responded to the public comments, notifying them that the issues presented during oral comments will be reviewed with Transportation Manager Kyra Tao. The issuance of parking permits will be reviewed, and an update will be given to at the next regular Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting, scheduled to be held on May 20, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request - 2107 Carleton Circle

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 2107 Carleton Circle; and
2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 2107 Carleton Circle.

Sr. Management Analyst Elsa Robinson addressed the Commission and opened the public hearing regarding an appeal of a denied tree removal request at 2107 Carleton Circle. Heather Comey; resident of 2107 Carleton Drive, addressed the Commission and informed them that the reason for her tree removal request is due to its roots encroaching into the home's plumbing systems and provided photos. The Commission reviews the photographs provided by Heather Comey concerning the damage the roots of the tree will have on the home's plumbing system. Upon reviewing the additional information and testimonial of the homeowner, the Commission will vote on the matter.

MOTIONED by Commissioner Chadha to approve the tree removal request for 2107 Carleton Circle. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Marhoefer. **CARRIED** by 4-1 vote to approve.

2. Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request - 626 Sherwood Avenue

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 626 Sherwood Avenue; and
2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 626 Sherwood Avenue.

Sr. Management Analyst Elsa Robinson addressed the Commission and opened the public hearing regarding an appeal of a denied tree removal request at 626 Sherwood

Avenue. The resident or any representative from 626 Sherwood Ave was not in attendance. The Commission reviewed the initial letter submitted by the resident concerning their reasoning for requesting a tree removal.

MOTIONED by Commissioner Chadha to deny the tree removal request. **SECONDED** by Chair Rocke. **CARRIED** by 5-0 vote to deny the tree removal request.

3. Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request - 1913 Twain Place

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 1913 Twain Place; and
2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 1913 Twain Place.

Sr. Management Analyst Elsa Robinson addressed the Commission and opened the public hearing regarding an appeal of a denied tree removal request at 1913 Twain Place. The Commission reviewed photos provided by the homeowner Jerry Thomson. After reviewing the additional photos and residents' appeal, the Commission would like to reinspect the tree to determine if it can be safely root trimmed or if it will have to be removed.

MOTIONED by Commissioner Chadha to deny the appeal with the condition to have staff reinspect the tree to determine if it can be root trimmed or if it will require to be removed. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Castillo. **CARRIED** by 5-0 vote to deny the tree removal request on condition of the tree's inspection for root trimming by an arborist.

City staff will be in communication with the resident Jerry Thomson regarding the arborists' report and follow up actions.

REGULAR AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Citywide Tree Planting Updates

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

Public Works Manager Samantha Byfield addressed the Commission and provided an update on the previous year's amount of tree planting efforts within the city. Public Works Manager Byfield informed the Commission that the contractor trimmed a total of 2,272 trees, planted a total of 194 new trees, and removed 62

dead or diseased trees. Deputy City Administrator Estevez addressed the Commission and informed them of the City's 5-year CIP plan to plant a minimum of 100 trees every year.

2. 2023 Engineering and Traffic Survey

Recommended Actions: It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission:

1. Receive oral presentation.

Deputy City Administrator Estevez addressed the Commission and informed them that the City has conducted its 10 year speed and engineering survey to determine if any changes need to be made to speed limits. The surveys were conducted in October and November of 2023, and resulted in no changes required as vehicles stayed within the speed limit threshold. Deputy City Administrator Estevez informed the Commission that as there were no changes required as a result of the surveys, the Commission is recommended to accept and file the results.

DIRECTORS' REPORT: None

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY:

Sgt. Garza introduced himself and provided the Commission with an update on recent traffic collision data. He provided the past three months' worth of data which include non-injury, injury, misdemeanor hit-and-run, and felony hit-and-run. The report highlights that February had the least number of collisions as well as a map of the more active locations for collisions. Prior trends for hit-and-runs were the result of drunk drivers and unlicensed drivers. He noted that there has been a delay in misdemeanor hit-and-runs which may be due to drivers having little to no fear of this consequence as there was no individual harmed.

Sgt. Garza updated the Commission regarding the ongoing issues with parking in the City. Previously there had been staffing issues within the Traffic Bureau of the Police Department, but two new parking enforcement officers have joined the Police Department and will be assisting in bringing the parking issues under control. Sgt. Garza discussed the reason why there were staffing issues within the traffic bureau of the Police Department as the position is typically a stepping-stone to become a full-time police officer with the City.

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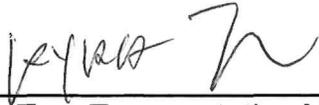
Chair Polichetti asked for an update regarding the previous discussions to have a name/address tied to the individual streetlights to make identifying them simpler.

Deputy City Administrator Estevez provided an update and informed the commission

that the City Council had approved a city-wide street light replacement program which will see new cobra head streetlights installed sometime in June/July of 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Polichetti closed the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m. to the next regular meeting of Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA.



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Secretary to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission



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AGENDA STAFF REPORT

TO: STREETScape AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: SAMANTHA BYFIELD, PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER
DATE: JULY 15, 2024
SUBJECT: **APPEAL OF DENIED TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 708 SUE DRIVE**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission take the following actions:

1. Open the Public Hearing concerning the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 708 Sue Drive; and
2. Receive the staff report and consider all public testimony; and
3. Close the Public Hearing and Deny the Appeal for Denied Tree Removal Request at 708 Sue Drive.

BACKGROUND:

On May 24, 2024, the Public Works Department (Department) received a tree removal request from Ms. Erika Torres for one (1) Magnolia Grandiflora tree (Tree), located in the parkway in front of 708 Sue Drive (Attachment 3). The basis for the applicant's street tree removal request was that the tree caused damage and broke the main pipe at her house at the water meter. Her request stated that the estimated cost to repair is starting at \$3,000. On June 24, 2024, Ms. Torres was mailed a decision letter (Attachment 2) notifying her that her tree removal request was denied since it did not meet the criteria for removal as defined in the City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance (Ordinance), Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code (PMC). On July 1, 2024, the City received an appeal form (Attachment 1) from Ms. Torres for the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) to consider her tree removal request.

Tree Removal Request Review Process

On May 30, 2024, City staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with the parkway tree which is a Magnolia Grandiflora. The Tree was found to be in good health with no apparent structural issues or diseases present. The Tree is approximately 15 plus feet in height with a trunk diameter of 13 plus inches. The Tree has been maintained by the City as part of its four-year tree trimming cycle and was last trimmed on August 17, 2020. The Tree is scheduled to be trimmed again in August 2024 (Attachment 4). Staff recommended the denial of the tree removal request to the Acting Director of Public Works Manager, Christopher Tanio,

who affirmed the denial. On June 24, 2024, a letter was mailed to Ms. Torres informing her of the denial. The City received a Tree Removal Appeal form from Ms. Torres on June 10, 2024, which is within the five business day timeframe per the Ordinance.

Tree Removal Criteria

Per Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code, a City tree can be removed based upon the following conditions:

1. Hazardous Trees. The Public Works Department shall identify hazardous trees based on the severity of the following signs of decline:
 - a. Large dead branches in the tree.
 - b. Cavities or rotten wood along the trunk or in major branches.
 - c. Mushrooms present at the base of the tree.
 - d. Cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached.
 - e. Strong lean at the trunk.
 - f. Many major branches arise from one (1) point on the trunk.
 - g. Damaged, broken, or injured roots.
 - h. Tree has been topped or otherwise heavily pruned.
2. Dead Trees. Trees that are dead or have been determined by an ISA certified arborist to be in a state of severe decline with no available remedies to save the tree, although perhaps not an immediate hazard, shall be removed.
3. Emergency Removals. Healthy trees may be removed if the Director or designee decides an emergency condition exists, and tree removal is determined to be the only option available.
4. Public Safety. Healthy trees may be removed if the Director or designee decides that a public safety concern exists, and the tree removal is determined to be the only option available.
5. Other Removals. Other examples where a condition shall warrant removal include:
 - a. Diseased/Insect Infested Trees. The tree is diseased, has lost its productive capacity, and is not likely to recover despite the application of available remedies. Trees that acquire an infectious disease or are infested with an insect that is declared to be a serious pest threat to other nearby trees shall be removed, if removal is determined to be the best pest control solution by a certified arborist.

- b. **Building Damage.** If a tree is causing structural damage to a building, and the condition cannot be corrected without removing the tree, or severely damaging its root structure causing it to fail or potentially topple over.

- 6. **Surface Roots.** In situations where tree roots have developed above the surface, an ISA certified arborist shall evaluate the roots and determine if root pruning can occur without jeopardizing the health and stability of the tree. Should the arborist decide that roots cannot be pruned without jeopardizing the tree, and those same roots pose a safety concern, the tree may be removed.

- 7. **Hardscape Damage.** If hardscape repairs cannot be completed without severe root pruning which would jeopardize the health and stability of the tree, the tree may be removed. The general policy that shall be observed when repairing or replacing hardscape adjacent to a city tree is that the health and integrity of the tree take precedent over the installation of concrete or asphalt. Every effort shall be made to protect the tree from root or trunk damage.

- 8. Several alternatives are available for accommodating the installation of new hardscape without severely infringing upon a tree's root system. Any hardscape installation that may involve the removal of an extensive portion of a tree's root system or may require the removal of one (1) or more roots that are of a diameter greater than two (2) inches, shall first be evaluated by the certified arborist. If it is determined by the certified arborist that the removal of the offending roots might jeopardize the health or integrity of the tree, then one (1) of the following alternatives should be considered:
 - a. **Offset.** An offset is the tapering or reduction of a sidewalk's size down to a width no less than thirty-six (36) inches.

 - b. **Reconfiguration.** Sidewalks do not need to be constructed in a straight line. If the public easement can accommodate it, the sidewalk may be reconfigured to curve around a tree in a suitable manner. In some cases, the property owner may wish to extend the easement over their property to accommodate the installation of sidewalk without removing a tree. Any root removal that occurs while completing hardscape installation shall conform with the root pruning specifications provided by city staff.

 - c. In all cases, all sidewalk modifications must conform to all current ADA or CBC standards.

The following reasons are not valid for tree removal:

- 1. Leaf litter in gutters, on sidewalks or private property.

- 2. Messy/excessive fruit.
 - 3. Root intrusion into sewer laterals because of deteriorating infrastructure.
 - 4. Hardscape damage unless a feasible, economic solution does not exist to save the tree.

Appeal of City Staff's Decision

Ms. Torres is requesting that the Commission consider an appeal to remove the Tree based on the issues it has caused for safety and cost as a homeowner (Attachment 1). The appeal request notes that the Tree has uplifted concrete. Ms. Torres reports that company visiting her property has tripped and fallen. Ms. Torres reported that she spent \$800 on emergency repairs and has been provided estimates for further repairs by plumbers and specialists for upwards of \$14,000 to remove broken pipes.

The Applicant has been notified of the Commission meeting and has been sent an agenda and a copy of this staff report. The public notification of the tree removal request was posted on the Tree at 708 Sue Drive on July 3, 2024.

Pursuant to Section 14.12.080, of the PMC, the Commission may grant the tree removal request if it finds that the burden to the property owner if the request is denied substantially outweighs: (A) the benefit that a denial provides to the public; and (B) the burden to the public if it is granted. The decision of the commission is final. The Commission may evaluate the following factors:

- a. Species of tree.
- b. Size of the tree.
- c. Approximate age of the tree.
- d. Physical characteristics of the tree.
- e. Environmental productivity of the tree.
- f. Safety of the property owner and general public will be considered.
- g. Asset value of the tree.
- h. Utility conflicts, both above and below ground, may be considered when evaluating a removal request.
- i. Species and age diversification may be considered to determine if the street would benefit from having a more diverse street tree population to reduce threats of deforestation.

If the Commission grants the tree removal request, subsequent removal of the tree(s) shall be at the applicant's cost and expense per the Ordinance. The property owner shall also be responsible for the cost of procuring and planting two (2) replacement trees; and funds remitted to the City shall be deposited into the City's Tree Replacement and Planting Fund. The costs for removal and planting of the two (2) replacement trees are based upon the City's current tree maintenance contract rates for removal and planting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Tree is in the public right-of-way at 708 Sue Drive. Based on staff inspection and review, the Tree is in good condition, has been appropriately maintained on a regular schedule and is not creating a public safety hazard. Therefore, the Tree does not meet the removal criteria as set forth in the Ordinance. It is recommended that the Commission deny the appeal request to have the tree removed.

Prepared by:



Samantha Byfield
Public Works Manager

Reviewed and approved:



Christopher Tanio
Acting Director of Public Works

Attachments:

1. Appeal Form from Ms. Erika Torres
2. City Letter of Denial for Tree Removal Request
3. Tree Removal Request from Applicant
4. Tree Maintenance History

Staff Report - Tree Removal Request Appeal - 708 Sue Drive

Final Audit Report

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CITY TREE REMOVAL APPEAL FORM

APPEAL OF TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.

Pursuant to PMC, Chapter 14.12, a denied Tree Removal Request made by the Director of Public Works may be appealed to the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission by filing a written notice of appeal with the Public Works Department. Appeals shall be filed within five (5) business days of the date of denial.

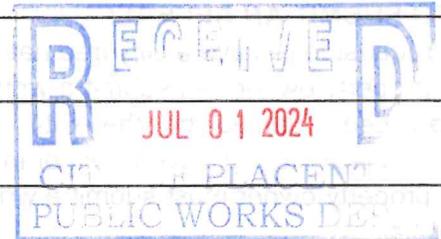
1) APPELLANT'S INFORMATION

Name: Erika Torres Phone: +17149318008

Mailing Address: 708 sue Dr

Email Address: erikardh2016@gmail.com

Date of Administrative Decision: June 3, 2024



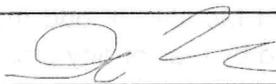
2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL

Address: 708 Sue Dr.

3) REASON FOR APPEAL

Please state the specific reason(s) for the appeal (use separate sheet if necessary).

Dear gentlemen, I am appealing your decision on the tree removal at 708 Sue Dr. due to minimal efforts and or responses. I will be attaching photos to demonstrate the uplifting concrete and uneven walkways and pathways for the community as this is a hazard for all during any accidental incidences, I have had company trip and fall due to the roots of the magnolia, uplifting the concrete. Recently, we had a main pipe break due to the roots of the magnolia costing us an emergency of \$800 which we don't have. Furthermore, an estimate provided by plumbers and specialists of upwards of \$14,000 to remove the broken pipes caused by the magnolia tree which encompasses the main leading to the home, please reconsider the removal of these magnolia tree at this time and sincerely consider the issues it has caused for safety and cost as homeowners.

Appellant's Signature:  Date: 7/1/24

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Date Received: _____	Received by: _____
Appeal File No: _____	Related File No: _____
Commissions' Meeting Date: _____	
Decision by Commission: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Denied

5:16



Erika Torres
708 Sue Dr.
Placentia CA
92870



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The People are the City

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401 East Chapman Avenue – Placentia, California 92870

June 24, 2024

Erika Torres
708 Sue Drive
Placentia, CA 92870

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 708 SUE DRIVE

Dear Ms. Torres,

The Public Works Department has reviewed your request for a tree removal of Magnolia Grandiflora tree located at 708 Sue Drive and has denied your request.

City staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with the tree. The tree is not dead, diseased, irreparably injured, hazardous, or in a condition, that presents legitimate public safety concerns. The tree does not meet the criteria for approval for removal as defined in the City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance, Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code.

The City's Urban Forest protection Ordinance was adopted to protect, preserve, and expand the City's urban forest. Trees are a valuable resource to the community that provide environmental, economic, social and public health benefits along City streets and parks, and are critical to maintaining an attractive City. The ordinance established a tree removal process and criteria for the orderly removal of City trees when appropriate. Based on inspection of the tree, City staff determined that the tree does not meet the ordinance's criteria for tree removal.

You may appeal this decision to Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) by filing a written appeal within **five (5) business days** of the date of this letter. To ensure transparency and inform the public, appeals will be reviewed by the Commission at a public meeting to provide a final determination. The entire appeal policy is attached to this letter.

Sincerely

Chris Tanio
Interim Director of Public Works

Attachment:
City Tree Removal Appeal Policy & Form

The People are the City

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401 East Chapman Avenue – Placentia, California 92870

June 24, 2024

Erika Torres
708 Sue Drive
Placentia, CA 92870

SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 708 SUE DRIVE

Dear Ms. Torres,

The Public Works Department has reviewed your request for a tree removal of Magnolia Grandiflora tree located at 708 Sue Drive and has denied your request.

City staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with the tree. The tree is not dead, diseased, irreparably injured, hazardous, or in a condition, that presents legitimate public safety concerns. The tree does not meet the criteria for approval for removal as defined in the City's Urban Forest Protection Ordinance, Section 14.12.070 of the Placentia Municipal Code.

The City's Urban Forest protection Ordinance was adopted to protect, preserve, and expand the City's urban forest. Trees are a valuable resource to the community that provide environmental, economic, social and public health benefits along City streets and parks, and are critical to maintaining an attractive City. The ordinance established a tree removal process and criteria for the orderly removal of City trees when appropriate. Based on inspection of the tree, City staff determined that the tree does not meet the ordinance's criteria for tree removal.

You may appeal this decision to Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) by filing a written appeal within **five (5) business days** of the date of this letter. To ensure transparency and inform the public, appeals will be reviewed by the Commission at a public meeting to provide a final determination. The entire appeal policy is attached to this letter.

Sincerely

Chris Tanio
Interim Director of Public Works

Attachment:
City Tree Removal Appeal Policy & Form



City of Placentia
Public Works Department
401 East Chapman Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870
(714) 993-8148
www.placentia.org

CITY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST FORM

TREE REMOVAL/MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORM

Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.

1) REQUESTOR'S INFORMATION

Date: 5/24/24 Name: ERIKA TORRES Phone: (714) 931-8008
Mailing Address: 708 SUE DR. PLACENTIA CA 92870
Email Address: _____

2) REQUESTED ACTION

Remove Trim Plant New Tree Inspect Other: _____

Tree Species (if known): Magnolia Number of Trees: 1

Address/Location of Tree: 708 SUE DR PLACENTIA CA 92870 - sidewalk

Nearest Cross St: ALTA VISTA

Located within a parkway Yes No Unknown

3) REASON FOR REQUEST

Causing Damage Dead Uprooted/Safety Hazard Diseased Beautify

Other/Description: BROKEN PIPE AT WATER METER. (MAIN)

Supplemental Data Attached: I have photos upon request. A plumber wst due to main pipe broken. cost will start at \$3000 (Three thousand dollars)

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APPROVED ACTION:

Remove Trim Plant New Tree Inspect Other: _____

Tree ID# and/or Species (If known): _____ Diameter (inches) _____ Height (inches) _____

Inspected by: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____

Director or Designee: _____
(Signature)

Date: _____

Date of Applicant Notification: _____

Email Mail









Site Detail (33.876732697462,-117.85513214549)(WCA InventoryID: 870548)

District	Address	Location	Species	DBH	Height
17	708 SUE DR	Front-1	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA	13-18	15-30

Maintenance	Valid	Est. Value	Utility	Parkway
Grid/Routine Trim	Yes	\$4,890	No	4

Crew	Date	Work Type / Comments	Job # / Acct #	Invoice#	Amount
WCA	08/17/2020	Grid Pruning	56845	163780	\$59.00
WCA	07/17/2012	Grid Pruning	22408	81848	\$39.00