



Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Agenda

**Regular Meeting
November 18, 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
Chair**

**Matthew Rocke
Vice-Chair**

**Anthony Marhoefer
Alternate Commissioner**

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

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

Vice-Chair Rocke
Chair Polichetti
Commissioner Chadha
Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Ingalls
Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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CONSENT CALENDAR:

**1. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes of September 16, 2024**

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

1. Approve the minutes.

**2. Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Special Meeting
Minutes of October 21, 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 – 206 San Clemente Lane

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 206 San Clemente Lane; 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 206 San Clemente Lane.

REGULAR AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Power and Duties of Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission**

DIRECTOR UPDATES:

1. Oral updates on transportation related City projects and initiatives provided by the Director and/or Transportation Services Manager.

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, January 20, 2025, 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 November 18, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of the City of Placentia was posted on November 14, 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
September 16, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of September 16, 2024, was called to order at 6:09 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Vice-Chair Rocke.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice-Chair Rocke
Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Chadha
Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer

Absent: Commissioner Ingalls
Chair Polichetti

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Tanio, Director of Public Works
Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager
Sgt Frank Garza, Police Department Motor Sergeant
Anthony Peralta, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice-Chair Rocke

ORAL COMMENTS:

Vice-Chair Rocke invited public comments on items which are not public hearings.

No comment was received in person or via email.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Recommended Actions: Approve

MOTIONED by Vice-Chair Rocke to approve the minutes. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chadha. **CARRIED** by 2-0 vote to approve the minutes from July 17, 2023.

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

Recommended Actions: Approve

Motioned by Vice-Chair Rocke to approve the minutes. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chadha. **CARRIED** by 3-0 vote to approve the minutes from March 18, 2024.

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.

Director of Public Works Chris Tanio addressed the Commission and opened the public hearing regarding an appeal of a denied tree removal request at 708 Sue Drive. The residents of 708 Sue Drive, Erika and Edward Torres addressed the Commission and provided photos and follow up information regarding the damage caused by the tree roots to the sidewalk and pipes.

MOTIONED by Vice-Chair Rocke to deny staff recommendation and approve the tree removal request for 708 Sue Drive. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Chadha. **CARRIED** by 2-1 vote to deny staff recommendation and approve the tree removal request.

2. Appeal of Denied Tree Removal Request – 1403 E. Howard Pl

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 1403 E Howard Pl; 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 1403 E Howard Pl.

Director of Public Works Chris Tanio addressed the Commission and opened the public hearing regarding an appeal of a denied tree removal request at 1403 E. Howard Pl. The resident or any representative from 1403 E. Howard Pl was not in attendance.

MOTIONED by Commissioner Chadha to deny the tree removal request. **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer. **CARRIED** by 3-0 vote to deny the tree removal request.

REGULAR AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Transportation Manager Kyra Tao addressed the Commission and informed them that Chair Nick Polichetti has submitted a letter of resignation, and a formal change will be presented to the City Council on November 19, 2024.

Transportation Manager Tao informed the Commission that the City has received grant funding to continue the Atwood Trail project, which runs parallel to the Atwood flood channel. She stated that the City will need to contribute 12% of the project total while the rest will be covered by the Grant provided by OCTA and Caltrans.

Transportation Manager Tao updated the Commission regarding a joint effort project with the City of Yorba Linda regarded as the Joint ATP Plan. A consultant has drafted the ATP plan to identify infrastructure deficiencies specifically targeting pedestrians and bicyclists. The consultant will prepare a presentation for the Commission and receive recommendations as they prepare to present to the City Council for adoption. A special meeting will be coordinated for October for the consultant to present to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

Director of Public Works Chris Tanio addressed the Commission, updating them on the Old Town Streetscape project. He informed the Commission that the project design is 90% completed, which will include landscape and infrastructure updates to the old Town area tentatively set to begin construction in Summer of 2025.

Director Tanio addressed the Commission and provided his directors report. He provided an updated regarding the status of the Bastanchury Median project, in which staff is currently seeking out vendors to obtain quotes. This project will review what can be planted in the Bastanchury medians and look to find replacements for the current pine trees. This project will be out to bid in the Spring of 2025 and set to begin in the Summer of 2025.

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC SUMMARY:

Sgt. Garza introduced himself and provided the Commission with an update on recent traffic collision data. He informed the Commission that the fatal traffic accident on June 4th is still under investigation and that a presentation is being prepared for the following City Council meeting to show the findings. Sgt. Garza also reported a second traffic accident occurred the following day due to a driver not stopping at the red light.

Sgt. Garza informed the Commission that the Placentia Police Department has been awarded a grant funded through the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), for approximately \$60,000.00, which will be utilized for DUI and Traffic Enforcements. Sgt. Garza explained that the funds would allow for overtime for police officers, where they will solely focus on collision factor enforcement such as not stopping at red lights, speeding, and distracted driving. The grant also includes funds for educational purposes, which Sgt. Garza hopes to use in providing a Traffic Safety Plan presentation to the high schools to promote traffic safety while focusing on driving behavior. Sgt. Garza plans to increase monitoring the school zones and increasing traffic enforcement with the funds.

Sgt. Garza addressed the Commission and informed them that there will be an increase in parking enforcement in the city, particularly regarding city parking lots which had seen an increase in unpermitted overnight parking. The parking enforcements of these lots will begin approximately at 5am and be aimed to reduce the rise in unpermitted overnight and long-term parking in certain locations.

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS

Vice-Chair Rocke asked for an update regarding the previous discussions to have a name/address tied to the individual streetlights to make identifying them simpler when needing to report a streetlight outage. He stated in previous times up to 90 streetlights were identified and reported to Southern California Edison (SCE) as being in need or repair. He has suggested this process be set routinely to once per quarter to ensure all streetlights within the City are fully operational. Director Tanio informed the Commission that SCE will begin updating and changing out the streetlights towards the end of September 2024. Vice-Chair Rocke has requested a follow up to the SCE streetlight update and be provided a fact sheet to reference when approached by members of the community.

The Commission has requested a list of the powers and duties of the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Rocke closed out the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. to the next regular meeting of Monday, November 18, 2024, 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

**PLACENTIA STREETScape AND TRANSPORTAITON ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
October 21, 2024**

A Special Meeting of the Placentia Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission of October 21, 2024, was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Front Community Meeting Room, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, by Vice-Chair Rocke.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Vice-Chair Rocke
Commissioner Castillo
Commissioner Chadha
Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer

Absent: Commissioner Ingalls
Chair Polichetti

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Tanio, Director of Public Works
Samantha Byfield, Public Works Manager
Kyra Tao, Transportation Manager
Anthony Peralta, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alternate Commissioner Marhoefer

ORAL COMMENTS:

Vice-Chair Rocke invited public comments on items which are not public hearings.

Placentia resident Paul Henderson addressed the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission and City staff regarding a pedestrian crosswalk from Purdy Ave as it crosses Valencia Ave and connects to Koch Park. Resident Henderson addressed his concern for pedestrian safety stating that the crosswalk does not currently have flashing yellow lights to allow for pedestrian crossing. He stated that the line to cross once school lets out in the afternoon can be backed up as there is not opening to cross the street. He would like to suggest a button to alert drivers of pedestrian crossing be installed to resolve or mitigate this issue.

Placentia resident Judy Rosencrantz addressed the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission and City Staff regarding her concern with the center turn lane located near the northmost entrance/exit of the El Dorado High School parking lot. She states that drivers will move into the center turn lane and continue all the way down to Shady Ln leaving no room for drivers wanting to turn in the other direction and nearly causing traffic collisions.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REGULAR AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Yorba Linda-Placentia Joint ATP Presentation

Les Brown, representative from Alta Planning and Design, gave a presentation regarding the Yorba Linda-Placentia Joint ATP. Representative Brown presented the findings to the Commission and received their comments in preparations for their presentation to the City Council. Alta Planning and Design is requesting for the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission to recommend the Yorba Linda-Placentia Joint ATP to the City Council in January 2025. The Commission expressed their feedback and requested the Joint ATP incorporate their comments regarding Emerging Technologies (e-bikes), Public Notice outreach, and reaching out to City of Yorba Linda to add language which would allow the Joint ATP to be updated after it has been approved.

Vice-Chair Rocke **MOTIONED** to accept the report with the condition of including the comments provided by the Commission. Commissioner Castillo **SECONED** the motion. **CARRIED** by 3-0 vote to accept the report with the Commission comments.

OLD BUSINESS: None

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

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

STREETSCAPE AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chair Rocke closed out the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission Special Meeting at 7:58 p.m. to the next regular meeting of Monday, November 18, 2024, 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



Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

TO: STREETScape AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: SAMANTHA BYFIELD, PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER
DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2024
SUBJECT: **APPEAL OF DENIED TREE REMOVAL REQUEST – 206 SAN CLEMENTE LANE**

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 206 San Clemente Lane; 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 206 San Clemente Lane.

BACKGROUND:

On September 24, 2024, the Public Works Department (Department) received a tree removal request from Ms. Lauren Zermeno for one (1) Magnolia Grandiflora tree (Tree), located in the parkway in front of 206 San Clement Lane (Attachment 1). The basis for the applicant's removal request was plumbing issues reported to be from roots. On September 30, 2024, the applicant was mailed a decision letter (Attachment 2) notifying them the 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 October 4, 2024, the City received an appeal form (Attachment 3) from the applicant for the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission (Commission) to reconsider the tree removal request.

Tree Removal Request Review Process

On September 24, 2024, City staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems with the Tree. 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 July 23, 2023 (Attachment 4). Staff recommended denial of the tree removal request to the Public Works Manager, Samantha Byfield, who affirmed the denial. On September 30, 2024, a letter was mailed to the applicant informing them of the denial. The

City received a Tree Removal Appeal from the applicant on October 4, 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

The applicant is requesting that the Commission consider an appeal to remove the Tree based on the issues it has caused for plumbing issues for the homeowner. The appeal request notes that roots from the Tree have started growing around the water pipes. The applicant reports plumbers working on the property reported that the Tree's roots would cause more damage over time by growing into the 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 206 San Clemente Lane on November 6, 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 206 San Clemente Lane. 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, PE
Director of Public Works

Attachments:

1. Tree Removal Request
2. Letter of Denial for Tree Removal Request
3. Appeal Form
4. Tree Maintenance History



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CITY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST FORM

TREE REMOVAL/MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORM

Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.

1) REQUESTOR'S INFORMATION

Date: 9/23/2024 Name: Lauren Zermeno Phone: (562) 881-0607
 Mailing Address: 206 San Clemente Lane, Placentia, CA 92870
 Email Address: zermeno.mes@gmail.com

2) REQUESTED ACTION

Remove Trim Plant New Tree Inspect Other: _____
 Tree Species (if known): unknown Number of Trees: 1
 Address/Location of Tree: 206 San Clemente Lane, Placentia, CA 92870
 Nearest Cross St: Chapman and Central
 Located within a parkway Yes No Unknown

3) REASON FOR REQUEST

Causing Damage Dead Uprooted/Safety Hazard Diseased Beautify
 Other/Description: We have had water main plumbing issues; the tree's roots are growing into th
 Supplemental Data Attached: Photos of the tree, which is adjacent to street/mailbox

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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] (Signature) Date: 9/16/23
 Director or Designee: _____ (Signature) Date: _____
 Date of Applicant Notification: _____ Email Mail



MEMORANDUM

To: Samantha Byfield
From: Jose Ruiz
Date: September 30, 2024
Subject: Denial of tree removal request – 206 San Clemente Lane.

On September 24, 2024, the Public Works Department received a request from Lauren Zermeno for the removal of one (1) tree. Ms. Zermeno has requested to have the tree removed because of the following,

1. They have main plumbing issues with roots growing into line.

On September 16, staff inspected the tree and evaluated the reported problems. The tree is a *Magnolia grandiflora* and was found to be in good health with no apparent structural issues or diseases. The tree is approximately fifteen plus feet (15-30) in height with a trunk diameter of thirteen plus inches (13-18). The tree has been maintained by the City on a four-year cycle and was last trimmed on July 26, 2023.

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.

City staff is recommending the denial of the tree removal request form.

If staff's recommendation is approved, City staff will notify the resident via writing regarding the denial of their tree removal request and inform them of the appeal process.

Attachments:

1. Tree Removal Request from Resident
2. Tree Information & Maintenance History
3. Photographs

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Approved: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Denied: <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>09/30/2024</u>	
Signature: <u><i>Samantha Byfield</i></u>	
Samantha Byfield, Public Works Manager	



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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: Lauren Zermeno Phone: (562) 881-0607

Mailing Address: 206 San Clemente Lane, Placentia, CA 92870

Email Address: zermeno.mes@gmail.com

Date of Administrative Decision: September 30, 2024

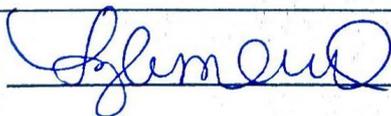
2) LOCATION OF PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL

Address: 206 San Clemente Lane, Placentia, CA 92870

3) REASON FOR APPEAL

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

*Please see attached sheet.

Appellant's Signature:  Date: October 4, 2024

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Date Received: _____ Received by: _____
 Appeal File No: _____ Related File No: _____
 Commissions' Meeting Date: _____
 Decision by Commission: _____ Appeal Granted Appeal Denied

October 4, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

We need to remove this tree because its roots are damaging our water main line. These roots are starting to grow around the pipes that bring water into our home. When we discovered our water main line had a leak in February 2024, both plumbers who worked on it told us this tree's roots would only be causing more damage over time by growing into the pipes. I realize this tree is not "dead, diseased, irreparably injured, hazardous, or in a condition that presents legitimate public safety concerns" as per the ordinance we received. However, it is damaging our property and our water main line and will continue to do so unless it is safely removed. This removal will save us thousands of dollars in the future by not having to dig up and replace our water main pipes that will remain undisturbed if this tree is safely removed before its roots cause irreparable plumbing damage. Please consider the impact this would have on our personal property as residents of Placentia, in addition to the neighborhood impact of digging up the parkway to repair extensive future plumbing issues. If we are proactive in this tree's removal, we would protect our plumbing from harm and save ourselves the financial and emotional stress of an enormous plumbing job that could have been prevented with this appeal and the subsequent planting of two 24" box trees to further beautify our city and keep trees alive where they do not cause property damage. Thank you.

Lauren Zermeno

Site Detail (33.869521767444,-117.85763966231)(WCA InventoryID: 876344)

District	Address	Location	Species	DBH	Height
25	206 SAN CLEMENTE LN	Front-1	<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> CARROTWOOD	13-18	30-45

Maintenance	Valid	Est. Value	Utility	Parkway
Grid/Routine Trim	Yes	\$3,260	No	4

Crew	Date	Work Type / Comments	Job # / Acct #	Invoice#	Amount
WCA	07/26/2023	Grid Pruning	76555	202804	\$64.00
WCA	09/20/2019	Grid Pruning	50026	152649	\$59.00
WCA	08/16/2012	Grid Pruning	22408	82614	\$39.00
WCA	07/21/2006	Service Request Pruning	9782	43010	\$41.50