

CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Agenda date: December 13, 2012

TO: Park And Recreation Commission

FROM: Tony Wolcott, Urban Forester

SUBJECT: 518 Curtis Street - Application by owner for removal of one *Pinus pinea* (Italian stone pine) tree located in front of the property in the public right-of-way

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is the only Italian stone pine we have as a street tree in Albany. The tree should remain, taking care not to disturb roots during any sidewalk repair. This tree can also be pruned now to lessen the impact of pine needles and dripping from tree.

BACKGROUND

This Italian stone pine has reached a mature size and is known as a distinctive part of this block and the city.

ANALYSIS

The benefits and appeal of large size trees are very important to Albany. This tree is a good example of mature tree that would be missed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost of pruning tree is minimal. It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the sidewalk adjacent to the homeowner's property. At times and with funding available the city can assist with some reimbursement of sidewalk repair cost.