



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA

AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019, 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Staff and Commission member announcements, reports and updates of status.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

5-1. Albany Local Week Recap

Recreation Staff will present a recap of the events and activities that took place during Albany Local Week

Information Only

6. STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICANTIONS:

6-1. Street Tree Removal for (1) Australian Willow at 1517 Beverly Place.

Recommendation: Approve the Street Tree removal permit.

6-2. Street Tree Removal for (5) Melaleucas at 1113 Portland Avenue (634 Kains Avenue).

Recommendation: Approve the Street Tree removal permit.

7. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:



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Commissioners announce requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items.

9. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 14, 2019 7:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Please Note: there are no public meetings in August.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, 7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: 7:02 PM: Arrived late: Commissioners Chang Frank, Noble**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 11, 2019**

Motion to approve: Vice Chair Sardiñas

Seconded: Commissioner Abbott

Vote: 3 Favor; 2 Abstained; Motion carried (Commissioners Noble, Chang Frank not present for vote)

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Staff and Commission member announcements, reports and updates of status.

- 5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- 5-1. Background on Albany Waterfront Planning**

Staff presented background information about the Albany Waterfront.

Information Only

- 6. STREET TREE REMOVAL APPLICANTIONS:**

- 6-1. Street Tree Removal for (1) Bradford Pear at 1259 Brighton Ave (Albany Middle School)**

Motion to approve: Commissioner Marten

Seconded: Commissioner Abbott

Vote: 6 in Favor; Motion carried (Commissioner Noble not present for vote)

- 6-2. Dead Tree Removal Report**

Staff presented a list of dead trees that need to be removed and replaced.

Informational Only



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7. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

7-1. Update on Funding Sources

Staff provided a brief status report on existing funding sources and potential Prop 68 grants.

Information Only

7-3. Update from the Community Garden Subcommittee

Sub-Committee members reported to the Commission on the following:

- Community Garden-Background and Overview of the Issues
- Report on subcommittee activities and Information gathered to date
- Possible Proposed Solutions and early learnings
- Next Steps

Discussion Only

7-2. Proposal to convert Ocean View Tennis Courts to dedicated Pickleball Courts

The Commission received a report from Staff and presentation from a Pickleball representative. Commission received public feedback and discussed the item.

The Commission directed staff to return with more information about feasibility and cost estimates of having 1 Tennis court and 4 Pickleball courts; more data regarding Tennis drop-in use; creation of an online survey of users; and possibility of expanding current court space for seating

7-4. Dog Sub-Committee Report

Sub-Committee members reported back to the Commission regarding the Council's decision and input.

Information Only

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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9. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 10, 2019 7:00 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Please Note: there are no public meetings in August.

10. ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 PM



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**CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: October 10, 2019

Reviewed by: _____

SUBJECT: 1517 Beverly Place tree removal

REPORT BY: John Hawkridge, Urban Forester

SUMMARY

On September 20, 2019 I received a request to review a tree removal at 1517 Beverly Place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approves removal of the tree per section 2.1.b and 2.1.d of the City Tree Removal Policy and Procedures.

DISCUSSION

The property owners had previously (July 24) submitted a planting application for planting 2 new trees at this address. Upon inspecting for planting location and species, the existing tree was noted and I informed the property owners that they would need to apply for removal before I could process their planting app. After receiving the removal application, My observations were that the tree is in slight decline, as are many other specimens in Albany of this species. Many of the branch tips have died back. But the most concerning aspect of this tree is the lifting of the sidewalk. A major root has pushed the sidewalk up at an acute angle. My concern is, when this sidewalk is repaired, the root will need to be removed and this will push the tree into further decline, and possibly destabilize the tree.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Removal of this tree will mean loss of one mature tree that is showing signs of decline which will be accelerated by root pruning for sidewalk repair.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

\$1600

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Urban Village by the Bay

Non-Emergency City Tree Removal Application

Owner's Name: Nick and Jamie Acosta

Property Address: 1517 Beverly Place Phone: _____

Email: _____ #of trees requesting to be removed 1

No permit to remove a living City Tree may be issued unless one or more of the following criteria is met:

- The City Tree is damaged, diseased, or borer infested beyond reclamation
- The City Tree due to its physical condition is an unacceptable risk to the City
- The City Tree has damaged the adjacent sidewalk to an extent that constitutes a tripping hazard, and the City Tree has caused the property owner to repair the adjacent sidewalk on at least one (1) previous occasion, as proven by documentation or Urban Forester inspection.
- The City Tree is detrimental to the public safety or materially injurious to the property, improvements or utility services in the vicinity
- The City Tree has been identified for removal as part of a City-approved project and/or has been determined by the Parks and Recreation Commission to be in conflict with the best use of a park.

I understand that removal of a City Tree which does not pose a clear and imminent danger to the safety of the general public requires review by the Urban Forester and the Parks & Recreation Commission at a public meeting. A replacement tree will be required for all approved tree removals. Application fee is \$209.92. Return fee and application to: Finance - City of Albany, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA 94706

Signature: Jamie Acosta Date: 6/18/19

City Action

Date Application Rcvd: _____ Fee Received (Amt): \$209.92

Approved Declined Date: _____

\$ PAID

TREE CONDITION EVALUATION FORM

location:	1517 Beverly PI		
species:	Australian Willow	Evaluator:	John Hawkridge
dbh/ht:	10" / 20'	Date:	9/3/2019
✓	<i>Factor</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Points</i>
minor problems/concerns (1 point) - major problems (2 points) - extreme problems (3 points)			
ROOTS			
Root anchorage			
Restricted root system relative to canopy		roots lofting sidewalk will need to be pruned away	3
Mechanical injury			
Girdling roots			
Compaction or water-logged roots			
Presence of insects or diseases			
		Condition points	3
TRUNK			
Sound bark and wood, no cavities			
Upright trunk (well tapered)			
Included bark between co-dominant stems		several attachments with included bark	2
Mechanical or fire injury			
Cracks			
Swollen or sunken area			
Presence of insects and diseases			
		Condition points	2
LIMB AND BRANCH STRUCTURE			
Strong attachments, no included bark		some inclusions	2
Free of decay and cavities			
Well proportioned, good form		some dieback in branch tips, indicative of decline	2
Wound closure			
Dead limbs/epicormic sprouting			
Presence of decay, insects and diseases			
		Condition points	4

TREE CONDITION EVALUATION FORM

TWIGS		
Shoot vigor	dieback	3
Presence of weak or dead twigs	dieback	3
Presence of insects and diseases		
Condition points		6
FOLIAGE		
Normal appearance (size, color, density)	sparse foliage	
Nutrient deficiencies		
Herbicidal, chemical injury symptoms		
Wilted or dead leaves		
Presence of insect or disease		
Condition points		0
Total Condition Points		15
INFRASTRUCTURE CONFLICTS		
Gas		
Water	10'	
Sewer		
Sidewalk / Pedestrian	acute lift of sidewalk	3
Curb	some lifting /seperation of curbs sections	
Street (asphalt)		
Powerlines		
Vehicles /parking zone / bus zone		3
Traffic Signal/Stop Sign / other signs		
Building contact		
Total Infrastructure Points		6
TREE SUMMARY and additional comments (photos and further comments, if any, on separate page):		Total Points
Tree in decline as seen in tip dieback and sparse foliage. Root pruning for sidewalk repair will push the tree further into decline and possibly destabilize the tree.		<u>21</u>
This evaluation does not incorporate wood density of the root collar and is an evaluation of the tree's canopy from the ground surface only.		
<i>Tree condition is taken into account along with any infrastructure conflicts to determine viability of removal.</i>		

1517 Evelyn – 1 Australian willow





**CITY OF ALBANY
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STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: October 10, 2019

Reviewed by: _____

SUBJECT: 1113 Portland Ave (634 Kains) Tree Removal

REPORT BY: John Hawkridge, Urban Forester

SUMMARY

On September 16, 2019 I received a request to review a tree removal for the proposed housing development project at 634 Kains (1113 Portland). There are 5 Melaleuca trees along the Kains frontage that will need to be removed for this project

Although the trees are in good health, there seems to be no alternative to the placement of the ADA retrofit.

The building plans include the addition of 8 new trees to be planted along the Kains and Portland frontages and at least that many again to be planted on the other sides of the property (the west side faces a parking lot for a restaurant on San Pablo Ave.).

Project plans can be seen at:

https://albanyca.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=&event_id=1429&meta_id=117880

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approves removal of the tree per section 2.1.f of the City Tree Removal Policy and Procedures.

DISCUSSION

Removal of these will result in the loss of 5 mature and relatively healthy and stable trees. The tree replacement species is not confirmed yet, but Crape myrtle has been discussed.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

This project will result in the loss of 5 mature trees. Plans include replacing these trees with 8 new trees in the public right of way and several more on the property.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Costs to be incurred by the project

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Community Development

Non-Emergency City Tree Removal Application

Owner's Name: NHANH H. LE + VIVIAN K. CHUNG-BRANAGH LAND APPLICANT

Property Address: 634 KANIS Phone: _____

Email: _____ #of trees requesting to be removed 8
(3 ON-SITE; 5 STREET)

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 9-16-2019

City Action

Application #: _____ Fee Received (Receipt #): 001158-0010

Approved Declined Date: _____

1113 Portland (634 Kains) – 5 Melaleuca trees

