



**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Council Chamber  
1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030**

**April 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC ADVISORY: THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC**

**NOTICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY**

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the special meeting of the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission for February 23, 2021 will be conducted remotely and held by Zoom video conference.

Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chambers will not be open for the meeting. Commissioners will be participating remotely and will not be physically present in the Council Chambers.

To maximize public safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can observe the meeting via Zoom in one of the three methods below.

Natural Resources and Environmental Commission  
**Zoom Meeting Information**  
**Webinar ID: 992 8222 4630**

1. Go to the Zoom website, <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the Zoom Meeting information accordingly; or
2. Click on the following unique Zoom meeting link:  
<https://zoom.us/j/99282224630>; or
3. You may listen to the meeting by calling: +1-669-900-6833 and entering the Zoom Meeting ID and Passcode when prompted to do so.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcqjjC6iQx>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Members of the public may access the meeting to observe the meeting's proceedings; however, at this time, there is no live, real-time participation by members of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

If you would like to comment on an agenda item, members of the public may submit their comments in writing for consideration, by emailing comments or questions to: [nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov). **Public Comments must be received by 12:00 p.m., April 27, 2021** to ensure adequate time to compile and post. Public Comment portion of the email is limited to 250 words. Please make sure to indicate: 1) your name; 2) what agenda item you are submitting public comment on, or if it is a general public comment; and/or 3) clearly state if you wish for your comment to be read during the meeting.

*South Pasadena Natural Resources and Environmental Statement of Civility*

*As your appointed governing board we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made tonight will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Amy Davis Jones

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Rona Bortz, Michelle Hammond, Casey Law, William J. Kelly, Michael Siegel; Vice Chair Madeline C. Di Giorgi; Chair Amy Davis Jones.

**COUNCIL LIAISON:**

Mayor Pro Tem Michael A. Cacciotti

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Anteneh Tesfaye, Acting-Deputy Public Works Director  
Garrett Crawford, Acting-Deputy Public Works Director  
Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation & Sustainability Analyst  
Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Amy Davis Jones

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

The Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) welcomes public input. Members of the public may address the NREC by emailing: [nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:nrecpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov). **Public Comments must be received by 12 p.m., April 27, 2021** to ensure adequate time to compile and post. Public Comment portion of the email is limited to 250 words. Please make sure to

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Pursuant to state law, the NREC may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the NREC or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

Note: Public input will also be read during all agenda items.

### 1. **Public Comment**

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 2. **Proposed Removal of 31 Non-Native Trees at 1100 El Centro Street**

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission recommend approval to the Planning Commission for the removal of 31 non-native trees at 1100 El Centro Street, subject to the proposed conditions of approval.

## PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 3. **Green Action Plan Progress Report**

### 4. **SB1383 Organic Waste Reduction Requirements** - CalRecycle

Samuel Sasu, South Pasadena LAMD Liaison  
Jeffrey Taylor, Supervisor  
Cara Morgan, Session Branch Chief

## ACTION ITEMS

### 5. **Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers**

Recommendation:

Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) recommends to City Council to direct staff to advance the Climate Action Plan timeline for developing the ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers by removing other initiatives from the NREC Work Plan and Green Action Plan.

### 6. **Appointment of Athens Contract Ad Hoc Committee**

### 7. **Approval of Minutes**- Meeting of March 23, 2021

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**8. City Council Liaison Communications**

**9. Commissioner Communications**

**10. Staff Liaison Communications**

**11. Upcoming Events**

- FREE Household Hazardous and E-Waste Collection Event – May 29 (San Gabriel)
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars – Various dates  
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars – Various dates  
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation/>)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**FUTURE NREC MEETINGS**

May 25, 2021	Virtual Zoom	7:00pm
June 22, 2021	Virtual Zoom	7:00pm

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO AGENDA DOCUMENTS AND BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS**

Prior to meetings, agenda related documents and complete agenda packets are available for public inspection online at <https://www.southpasadenaca.gov/government/boards-commissions/natural-resources-environmental-commission>.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**



The City of South Pasadena wishes to make all of its public meetings accessible to the public. Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If special assistance is needed to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Division at (626) 403-7230. Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities. Hearing assistive devices are available in the Council Chamber. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will assist staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

*I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030, and on the City's website as required by law.*



Date

Arpy Kasparian  
Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst

**ITEM 2**

Tree Removal Hearing: 1100 El Centro Street



# Natural Resources & Environmental Commission Agenda Report

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ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** April 27, 2021

**FROM:** Garrett Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Removal of 31 Non-Native Trees at 1100 El Centro Street**

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## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission recommend approval to the Planning Commission for the removal of 31 non-native trees at 1100 El Centro Street, subject to the proposed conditions of approval.

## **Background**

South Pasadena Unified School District will be moving from its present location at the old El Centro School to an office building at 1100 El Centro Ave. While preparing the new location for this move, we discovered damage caused by trees that have been neglected and have outgrown their original planting space. The current conditions are not only causing damage to the building but could be causing stress to several of the trees.

## **Discussion/Analysis**

### Project Description

On February 4, 2021, the applicant submitted a Private Property Tree Removal application to remove non-native trees from 1100 El Centro Street. The Tree Removal application lists the removal of 31 non-native trees in varying health conditions. Therefore this, tree removal permit is being referred to the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission (NREC) per South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) Section 34.10(c)(1). Due to the scope of the proposed development project, the following trees are proposed for removal. (Attachment 1)

### Project Analysis

The applicant has submitted a tree removal permit application, design narrative, and site plans as Attachment 1. The City Arborist has inspected the trees and agrees with the trees' health condition and the proposed removals provided in the tree removal application. Per SPMC Section 34.12-5 (b), a quantity of 57 replacement trees are required to mitigate the tree removals associated with the proposed development (Attachment 1).

SPMC Section 34.12-5(b). Table 2 below includes the species, size, and quantity of each proposed tree.

## **Table 2: Proposed Trees for Replacement**

Proposed Removal of 31 Non-Native Trees at 1100 El Centro  
 April 27, 2021

Tree Code	Species	Native	Size	Quantity
CE	Eastern Redbud Multi-trunk	No	24" box	6
LAG IND	Crape Myrtle	No	24" box	6
Total Number of New Trees to Be Planted on Site Following Construction:				12

The applicant is proposing to plant 12 trees on the subject property, and 13 new trees will be planted at South Pasadena Middle School and six at Marengo School and Monterey Hills School. The 13 trees were recently added to the athletic complex at South Pasadena High School, and the eight trees added to the new math and science complex at South Pasadena High School. This is a combined total of 58 trees. If the NREC accepts the plantings at the school locations, this will meet the requirement set forth in SPMC Section 34.12-5 (1).

The NREC shall review the proposed Conditions of Approval and provide comments that will be forwarded to the Planning Review Authority, which is the Planning Commission for this Project. The proposed tree removals will be included in the Planning Divisions public notice, which meets the noticing requirements of SPMC 34.10 (a) (2). Staff has reviewed the proposed Project application and proposes the following tree related conditions of approval:

PW1) Show all existing and proposed trees (including parkway trees), including size and species, and indicate their disposition. The applicant shall show methods of protecting existing onsite and on the parkway trees during construction on the plans. The applicant shall submit an arborist report for all trees (including parkway trees) at project completion to the City, demonstrating that all protection methods were followed, and document the tree disposition after construction.

PW2) Tree removals associated with development shall only be conditionally approved subject to the applicant receiving their development building permit, paying all fees associated with the tree removal as established by resolution of the city council, and paying a deposit in the amount of \$19,095 for the 57 replacement trees. Upon the planning review authority's approval of the development application and satisfaction of all conditions of approval and payment of all required fees, the applicant shall be issued a tree removal permit.

PW3) Replacement trees shall be planted per SPMC section 34.12-5 (b). The applicant is required to plant 57 replacement trees based on the trees proposed for removal. The replacement trees shall be inspected by the South Pasadena Public Works Department before being planted.

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PW4) Upon the applicant's proof to the city's satisfaction that the applicant has complied with the approved tree replacement plan, the city shall reimburse the applicant's replacement tree deposit. Should the applicant fail to plant any replacement trees in accordance with the approved replacement tree plan, the city shall retain the amount of the replacement tree deposit necessary to cover the cost to plant any required replacement trees in alternative locations within the city (public right-of-way, park, etc.), as permitted by SPMC chapter 34.

PW5) No trees shall be removed from the site until Tree Removal Permits are issued.

**Legal Review**

The City Attorney has not been asked to review this item.

**Fiscal Impact**

The applicant has paid the initial tree removal inspection fee and will be required to pay any permit fees for the project. The applicant will also be required to deposit \$19,095 for the 57 replacement trees required as part of this Project.

**Environmental Analysis**

This item is exempt from any California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis.

**Public Notification of Agenda Item**

The public was made aware that this item was to be considered this evening by virtue of its inclusion on the legally publicly noticed agenda, posting of the same agenda, and reports on the City's website and/or notice in the *South Pasadena Review* and/or the *Pasadena Star-News*.

**Attachments**

1. Application Package (including Design Narrative, and Permit Application)

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
ENGINEERING DIVISION  
1414 Mission Street - South Pasadena - CA 91030 - 626-403-7240**

**PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION**

*Please submit site plan if more than three (3) trees are involved.*

**Inspection Fee: \$124**

PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Fee: \$317; 4 or more \$441**

All fees are nonrefundable

Job Site: \_\_\_\_\_ 1100 El Centro St, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Property Owner's Name(S): \_\_\_\_\_ City of South Pasadena -  
Director of Facilities and Maintenance for SPUSD - Alfredo Perez Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 562-659-1224

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 1100 El Centro St, South Pasadena, CA 91030

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Brightview Tree Care - Cesar Perez

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 17813 S. Main St. #105 Gardena, CA 90248 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 310-930-2302

City Business License No: \_\_\_\_\_ 061033535

**Trees 4" in diameter or greater are Mature Trees - Include all conditions warranting the removal  
Please Submit plan if more than three (3) trees are involved**

Tree(s) Diameter	Type of Tree(s)	Location of Tree	Reason for Removal
25"-30"	Eight (8) Pinus halepensis	1100 El Centro St South Pasadena, CA 91030	SPUSD New Office Building: - Causing damage to structure & sidewalks - Require clearance for remodel
19"-24"	One (1) Schinus terebinthifolius	1100 El Centro St South Pasadena, CA 91030	SPUSD New Office Building: - Causing damage to structure & sidewalks - Require clearance for remodel
7"-12"	One (1) Tabebuia spp.	1100 El Centro St South Pasadena, CA 91030	SPUSD New Office Building: - Causing damage to structure & sidewalks - Require clearance for remodel
1"-6"	- Eight (8) Juniperus chinensis - Two (2) Quercus agrifolia - One (1) Syzygium paniculatum - Seven (7) Podocarpus gracillior	1100 El Centro St South Pasadena, CA 91030	SPUSD New Office Building: - Causing damage to structure & sidewalks - Require clearance for remodel

**Office Use Only:**

Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Removal and Replacement Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Arborist Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Narrative: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Development Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Site Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ NREC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment Period Begins: \_\_\_\_\_ Comment Period Ends: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Ready: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS:**

- (1) Conditions must exist to warrant the removal of any mature tree. Healthy trees which are not causing a hardship on the property owner shall not be approved for removal.
- (2) Tree removals will include complete removal of the stump and backfill of the hole.
- (3) For every tree approved for removal, multiple replacement trees must be planted anywhere on the owner's property or on City's property upon City's approval. For replacement tree(s) planted in the parkway, root barriers will be required to control the root system. The size of the replacement tree(s) is (are) based on the diameter of the trunk and the type of tree(s) for removal. The replacement tree(s) must be a minimum of 24" box size or as specified by the Engineering Division.
- (4) Replacement trees must be planted within 90 days of the **issuance date on the permit.**
- (5) Prior to planting the replacement trees, a final inspection must be conducted by the City inspector to verify conformance with tree replacement requirements. Please call to schedule an appointment at (626) 403-7370, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (6) **A 100-foot radius map and mailing labels shall be required to provide public notice of the tree removal. Residents within a 100-foot radius of the property shall be given 15-days to comment on the tree removal prior to issuance of the permit.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE  DATE: 2/1/2021

*City use only*

1. Recommended for Approval or Denial Type/Variety Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_ Replacement Tree Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Due by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Recommended for Approval or Denial Type/Variety Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_ Replacement Tree Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Due by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Recommended for Approval or Denial Type/Variety Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Size of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_ Replacement Tree Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Due by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_



City of South Pasadena  
Public Works Department  
Engineering Division

1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA 91030 (626) 403-7240

Private Property Tree Removal Location: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER *SEE NOTES	TREE SPECIES	SIZE	VERIFY HEALTH	NOTES
1	PINUS HALEPENSIS	23" <sup>4</sup>	GOOD. SLIGHT LEAN.	RESTRICTED GROWTH SPACE; RAISED PLANTER WITH VISIBLE CRACKING & MOVEMENT.
2	SYZYGIUM PANICULATUM	3"	FAIR	
3	JUNIPERUS CHINENSIS	3.5"	FAIR	THINNING CANOPY WITH VISIBLE DIEBACK
4	P. HALEPENSIS	15" <sup>3</sup>	GOOD.	SAME CONDITIONS AS FIRST TREE *(ALL PINES IN RESTRICTED GROWTH SPACE)
5	QUERCUS AERIFOLIA	7"	GOOD.	
6	J. CHINENSIS	3"	FAIR	VISIBLE DIEBACK
7	J. CHINENSIS	3"	FAIR	VISIBLE DIEBACK
8	P. HALEPENSIS	20" <sup>4</sup>	GOOD	
9	P. HALEPENSIS	21.5" <sup>4</sup>	GOOD	
10	J. CHINENSIS	12" <sup>2</sup>	FAIR	VISIBLE DIEBACK
11		10"		(ALL JUNIPERS ARE STRUGGLING TO GROW IN THE SHADOW OF THE PINES & HAVE THIN CANOPIES & DIEBACK)
12		8.5"		
13		10"		
14		8.5"		
15	P. HALEPENSIS	28.5" <sup>5</sup>	GOOD	



NUMBER	TREE SPECIES	SIZE	VERIFY HEALTH	NOTES
16	J. CHINENSIS	4"	FAIR/POOR	HIGHLY STRESSED, DIEBACK
17	P. HALEPENSIS	25.5 <sup>5</sup>	GOOD	
18	J. CHINENSIS	5"	FAIR	
19	P. HALEPENSIS	28" <sup>5</sup>	GOOD	
20	Q. AGRIFOLIA	8.5"	FAIR HEALTH POOR STRUCTURE	LEAN WITH UNBALANCED CANOPY OVER SIDEWALK
21	P. HALEPENSIS	24.5 <sup>5</sup>	FAIR	SOME DIEBACK VISIBLE IN UPPER CANOPY.
22	SYZYGIUM PANICULATUM	DOUBLE STEMMED 6" x 9" <sup>3</sup>	GOOD	RESTRICTED GROWTH SPACE.
23	SCHINUS TEREBINTHIFOLIUS	16" <sup>3</sup>	GOODS HEALTH FAIR STRUCTURE	RESTRICTED GROWTH SPACE; TRUNK + ROOTS GROWN OVER CURB.
24	HANDROANTHUS IMPETIGINOSUS (AKA: LAVENDER OR PINK TRUMPET TREE, TABEBULIA)	8.5	FAIR - DIEBACK IN UPPER CANOPY; RESTRICTED GROWTH SPACE.	
25	PODOCARDUS MACROPHYLLUS (YEW PINE)	8, 3, 7 <sup>3</sup> (18)	MULTI-STEMMED - FAIR/POOR	
26		3, 4, 6 <sup>3</sup> (13")		
27		4, 3, 4 (11")		
28		3, 2, 3, 3, 4 (15") <sup>3</sup>		
29		2, 3, 3 (8")		
30		3, 5 (8")		
31		7, 2, 9, 5 (23")	4	
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Arborist Notes

\* TREE NUMBERING USED FOR THIS INSPECTION MAY NOT ALIGN WITH ARBORIST'S REPORT EXACTLY. I WAS NOT PROVIDED THE ENTIRE REPORT ONLY THE REMOVAL APPLICATION & ONE PAGE SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF THE REQUESTED REMOVALS.

MY INSPECTION PATH STARTED AT THE NORTH-WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING WHAT THE FIRST PINE TREE & MOVED IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AROUND THE RAISED PLANTER & PARKING LOT AREAS.












• A COUPLE OF SMALLER TREES WERE NOT INCLUDED ON THE MAP PROVIDED, BUT I INCLUDED THEM HERE JUST AS PART OF MY INSPECTION (THEY WILL MOST LIKELY ALSO REQUIRE REMOVAL).

INSPECTED BY: P. Mejia ISA WE 2355-A

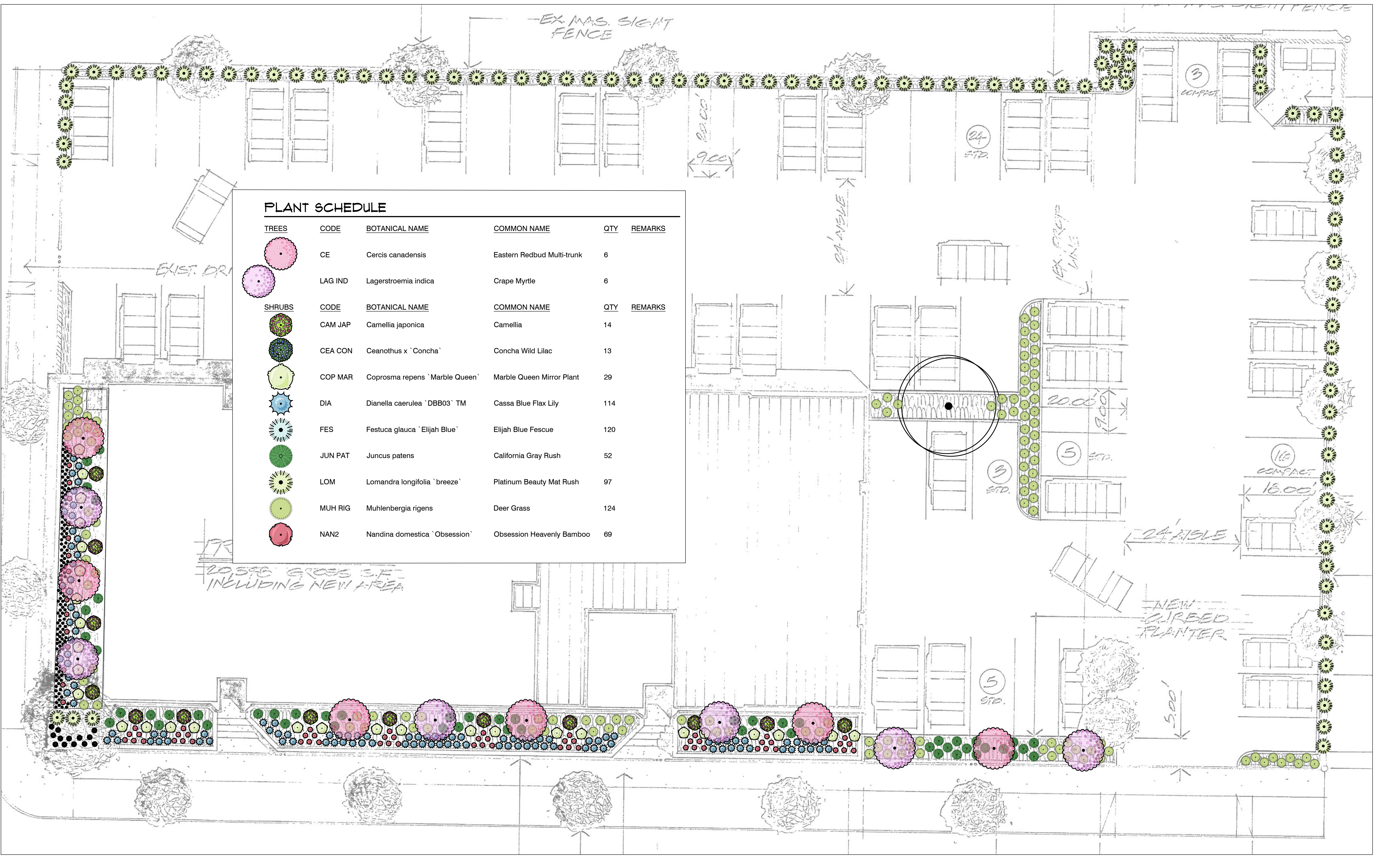
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**PLANT SCHEDULE**

TREES	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	QTY	REMARKS
	CE	Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud Multi-trunk	6	
	LAG IND	Lagerstroemia indica	Crape Myrtle	6	
SHRUBS	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	QTY	REMARKS
	CAM JAP	Camellia japonica	Camellia	14	
	CEA CON	Ceanothus x 'Concha'	Concha Wild Lilac	13	
	COP MAR	Coprosma repens 'Marble Queen'	Marble Queen Mirror Plant	29	
	DIA	Dianella caerulea 'DBB03' TM	Cassa Blue Flax Lily	114	
	FES	Festuca glauca 'Elijah Blue'	Elijah Blue Fescue	120	
	JUN PAT	Juncus patens	California Gray Rush	52	
	LOM	Lomandra longifolia 'breeze'	Platinum Beauty Mat Rush	97	
	MUH RIG	Muhlenbergia rigens	Deer Grass	124	
	NAN2	Nandina domestica 'Obsession'	Obsession Heavenly Bamboo	69	

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



**BrightView Tree Care Services**  
Branch Office #49220  
17813 South Main Street, Unit # 105  
Gardena, California 90248  
Colin Blackie  
colin.blackie@brightview.com  
tel:310-948-6091

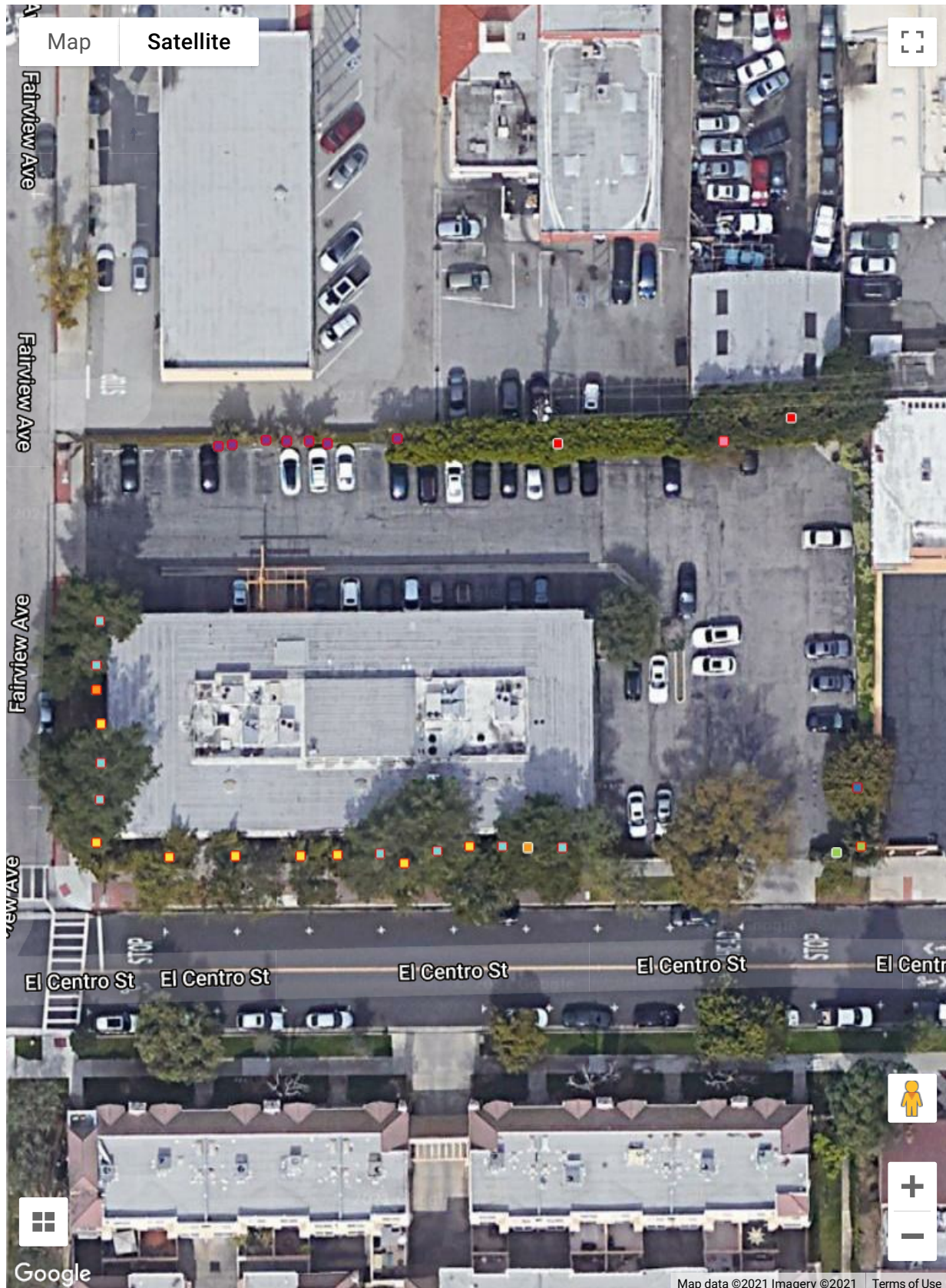
**Tree Care Service Address/Location**  
SPUSD 1100 El Centro St  
1100 El Centro St  
South Pasadena, California 91030  
Alfredo Perez  
aperez@spusd.net

**Tree Care Service Billing Address**  
South Pasadena Unified School District  
1327 Diamond Ave.  
South Pasadena, California 91030  
Alfredo Perez  
aperez@spusd.net

Proposed Tree Care Services

Species	DBH	Qty	Objective
 Aleppo Pine <i>Pinus halepensis</i>	25"-30"	8	Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots
 Brazilian Pepper Tree <i>Schinus terebinthifolius</i>	19"-24"	1	Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots
 Chinese Juniper <i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	1"-6"	8	Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots
 Coast Live Oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	1"-6"	1	Incidental Removal Due to Adjacence to Aleppo Pine Take Down
 Coast Live Oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	1"-6"	1	Retain In Place
 Indian Laurel Fig <i>Ficus microcarpa</i> Hedge		2	Remove hedge and roots
 Magenta Cherry <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i> Hedge		1	Remove hedge and roots
 Magenta Cherry <i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>	1"-6"	1	Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots
 Podocarpus <i>Podocarpus gracilior</i>	1"-6"	7	Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots
 Tabebuia Species <i>Tabebuia spp.</i>	7"-12"	1	Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots

SPUSD 1100 El Centro St



- Legend (31)
- Chinese Juniper (8)
  - Aleppo Pine (8)
  - Podocarpus (7)
  - Magenta Cherry (2)
  - Indian Laurel Fi... (2)
  - Coast Live Oak (2)
  - Tabebuia Species (1)
  - Brazilian Pepper... (1)





SPUSD 1100 El Centro St

SPUSD-1100 El Centro Tree & Hedge Removals Proposal



August 17, 2020

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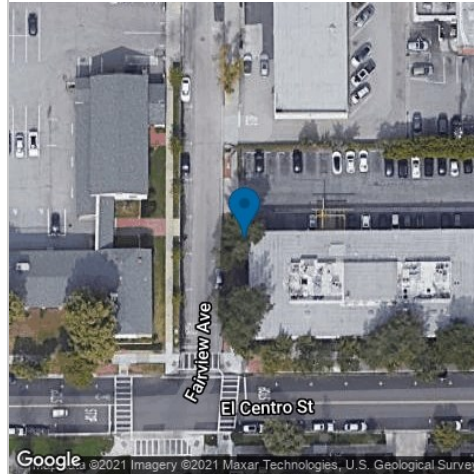
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Tree recommended for removal due to lack of growing space in raised planter causing roots to damage structural integrity of the building.



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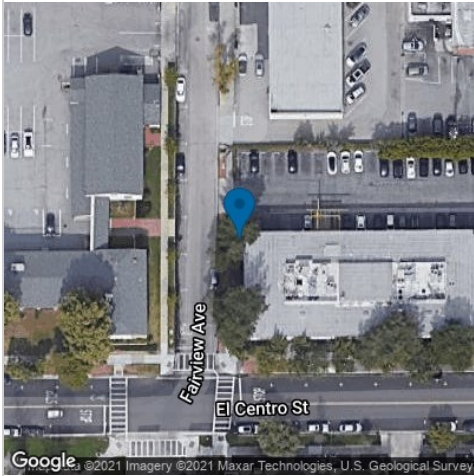
August 17, 2020

*Pinus halepensis* ID# 4  
Aleppo Pine  
Height: 31'-45' DBH: 25"-30"  
Health: 60% - Fair



August 17, 2020

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Height: 16'-30' DBH: 1"-6"  
Health: 60% - Fair



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Height: 16'-30' DBH: 1"-6"  
Health: 60% - Fair



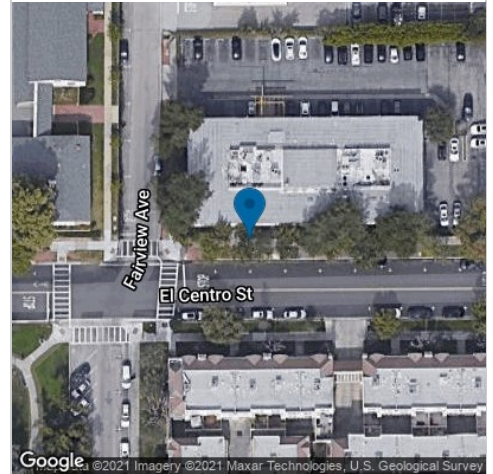
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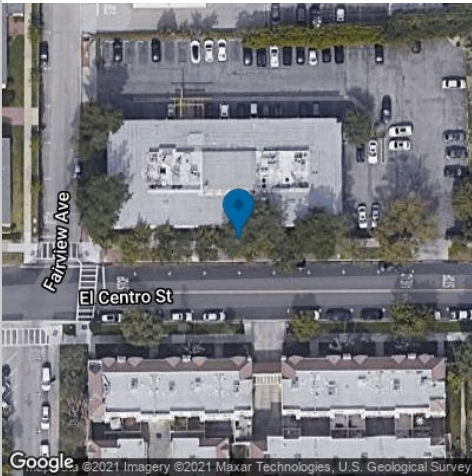
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Aleppo Pine  
Height: 31'-45' DBH: 25"-30"  
Health: 60% - Fair



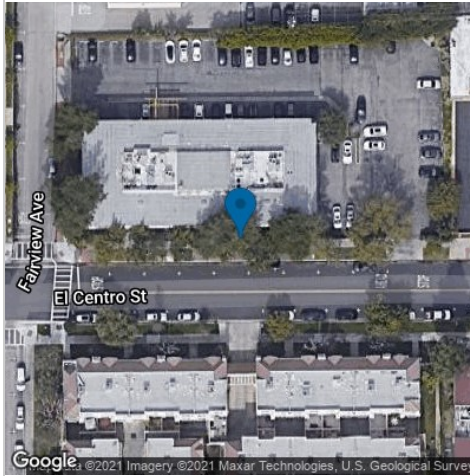
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Aleppo Pine  
Height: 31'-45' DBH: 25"-30"  
Health: 60% - Fair



Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots

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*Juniperus chinensis* ID# 15  
Chinese Juniper  
Height: 16'-30' DBH: 1"-6"  
Health: 60% - Fair



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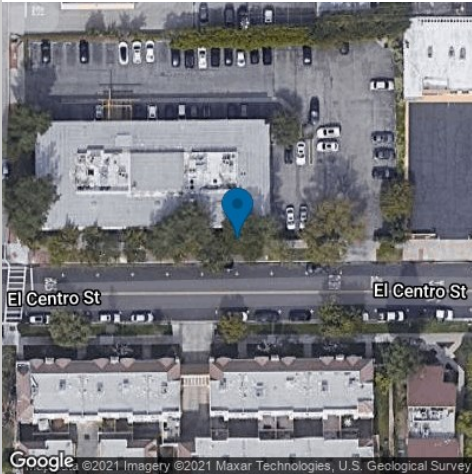
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*Quercus agrifolia* ID# 17  
Coast Live Oak  
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Health: 60% - Fair

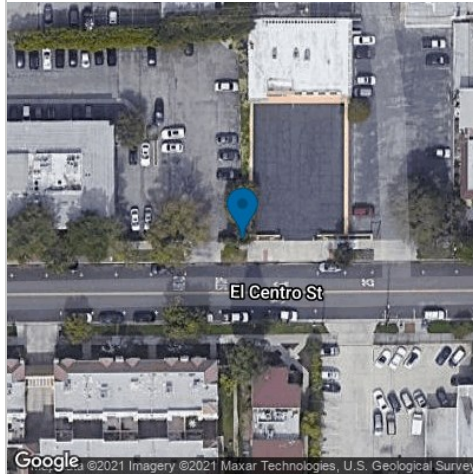


Retain In Place



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*Syzygium paniculatum* ID# 21  
Magenta Cherry  
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Health: 60% - Fair



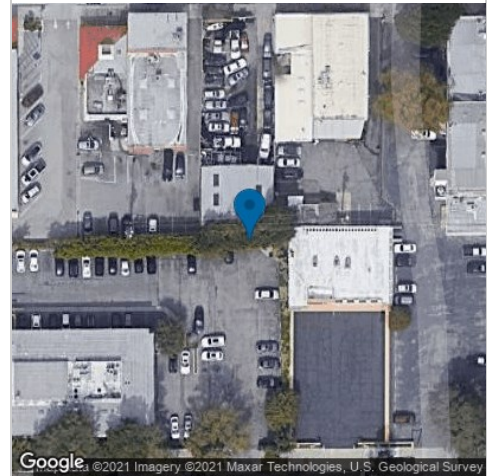
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Recommended for removal due to lack of growing space causing roots to damage pavement in parking lot.



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*Ficus microcarpa* ID# 23  
Indian Laurel Fig



Hedge  
Remove hedge and roots

Recommended for removal due to lack of growing space causing roots to damage pavement in parking lot.

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*Ficus microcarpa* ID# 25  
Indian Laurel Fig



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*Ficus microcarpa* ID# 25  
Indian Laurel Fig



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*Podocarpus gracilior* ID# 29  
Podocarpus  
Height: 1'-15' DBH: 1"-6"  
Health: 60% - Fair



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Hedge  
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*Podocarpus gracilior* ID# 30  
Podocarpus  
Height: 1'-15' DBH: 1"-6"  
Health: 60% - Fair



Take Down Tree / Remove Stump & Roots

Recommended for removal due to lack of growing space causing roots to damage pavement in parking lot.

**ITEM 5, Report Under Separate Cover**

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

**ITEM 7**

Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 23, 2021

**CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION – REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES – March 23, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. Present at the time of roll call were: Commissioner Rona Bortz, Commissioner Michelle Hammond, Commissioner Casey Law, Commissioner Michael Siegel, Vice Chair Madeline Di Giorgi, Chair Amy Jones, and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Cacciotti. Commissioner William Kelly was absent. Staff present: Anteneh Tesfaye, Acting Deputy Public Works Director; Garret Crawford, Acting Deputy Public Work Director; Arpy Kasparian, Water Conservation and Sustainability Analyst, and Reyna Salazar-Martin, Public Works Management Assistant.

**1) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**2) Tree Removal Hearing: 822 Orange Grove Place**

Staff G. Crawford presented Tree Hearing Item. The applicant was not present to make a statement. Crawford noted the number of replacement trees exceeded the requirement and possible removal of parkway tree in the future due to curb and gutter repairs. Commission suggested moving the driveway to save the parkway tree. Commission moves to make a recommendation to approve removal of only the Schefflera and Black Pine trees, property owner to re-design driveway to preserve the Camphor tree on the parkway.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

MOTION BY CHAIR JONES, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LAW, MOTION CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE, VICE CHAIR DI GIORGI ABSTAINED.

**PRESENTATION:**

**3) Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment – Dan Mabe, American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA)**

Dan Mabe from the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) gave a presentation on the positive impacts resulting from banning gas-powered leaf blowers and provided information on the types of resources the AGZA can offer the City including workshops and materials for homeowners and gardeners. Mabe provided information on the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) exchange program and answered questions from the commission. The commission discussed next steps. Staff repeated that establishing an ordinance to ban gas-powered leaf blowers had already been recommended and approved by the commission per the Climate Action Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**4) Virtual Earth Day**

Staff and commissioners discussed activities for a virtual Earth Day celebration including a social media campaign, sustainability newsletter, the launch of the New Tree Guide, and messages from the commissioners. Staff will also promote other community Earth Day activities such as the South Pasadena Beautiful webinar and the Library book list.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

**ACTION ITEMS:**

5) Approval of Minutes- Meeting of February 23, 2021

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR DI GIORGI, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER HAMMOND, MOTION CARRIED 6-0, TO APPROVE MINUTES

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

6) City Council Liaison Communications

Mayor Pro Tem M. Cacciotti shared a grant solicitation by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for monarch butterfly recovery. Cacciotti shared updates on the Gold Line, possible beautification projects with South Pasadena Beautiful, and his AQMD meetings regarding restrictions for diesel trucks.

7) Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Law shared the City Library's plans for establishing a tool lending library. Commissioner Hammond gave an update on potential plans to establish organics pick-up locations in the City after meeting with the Parks and Recreation Department and Compost Culture. Vice-Chair Di Giorgi expressed her support for the youth in the community. Commissioner Bortz shared the Transition South Pasadena community plates program that began before the pandemic. Commissioner Siegel suggested the City partner with Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) to assist with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. Chair Jones suggested communicating the monarch butterfly grant opportunity to South Pasadena Beautiful.

8) Staff Liaison Communications

Kasparian investigated the possibility of installing a dry bed and signage at the Nature Park and confirmed that they are receiving mulch.

9) Upcoming Events

- Alhambra Filter Exchange Drive – April 3, 2021
- LA County Smart Gardening Webinars – Various dates  
(<https://www.ladpw.org/epd/sg/webinars.cfm>)
- MWD Turf Removal + CA Native Landscape Webinars – Various dates  
(<https://greengardensgroup.com/turf-transformation>)



**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Amy Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Natural Resources and Environmental Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on April 27, 2021.

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Amy Jones, Chair

## **ITEM 11**

### Upcoming Events

# TOO TOXIC TO TRASH



## FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, May 29 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
 San Gabriel Mission Playhouse  
 320 S. Mission Drive  
 San Gabriel, CA 91776



### COVID-19 Precautions



Do not attend if you have

1. Any COVID-19 symptoms
2. Been asked to quarantine
3. Recently traveled internationally



Wear a face covering



Stay in your vehicle with windows closed, if possible

CHEMICALS  
 PAINTS & SOLVENTS  
 E-WASTE  
 SHARPS



- Carefully secure items in your trunk/pick-up bed. Hazardous waste must be in your trunk/pick-up bed with no other items.



- Waste should be in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers. Be prepared to leave containers.



- No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials controlled substances, trash, tires, or large appliances (like refrigerators, stoves and washing machines).



- Sharps disposal will require exiting your vehicle in a designated location to deposit them in a bin.

- Open to Los Angeles County residents. No business waste accepted.

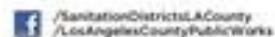
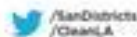
- Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.



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
































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**Intro to Composting:** Learn about backyard and worm composting to create a rich soil amendment to nourish your garden.

**Water-wise Gardening:** Create a beautiful drought-tolerant landscape and learn about grasscycling to fortify your lawn.

**Organic Gardening:** Build healthy soil, grow herbs and vegetables, and address plant pests and diseases using organic methods.

**Small-space Gardening:** Learn to grow plants in containers and set up a small-space worm composting system.

 Intro to Composting	 Water-wise Gardening	 Organic Gardening	 Small-space Gardening
 <b>March 18</b> <small>English Español</small> Thursday, 9 - 10 a.m. <b>Full</b>	 <b>March 24, 2021</b> Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m. <a href="#">Register here</a>	 <b>March 17, 2021</b> Wednesday, 6 - 7 p.m. <b>Full</b>	 <b>March 27, 2021</b> Saturday, 10 - 11 a.m. <a href="#">Register here</a>
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## California Friendly and Native Plant Landscaping Turf Removal and Garden Transformation Garden Design Workshop

### Part 1

#### The Basics: California Friendly and Native Plant Landscaping Training

Get a gorgeous garden by understanding the principles of California Friendly and native plant landscapes. What makes a landscape watershed wise, and how do you start planning your project?

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Look at Your Yard as a Mini-watershed
2. Create a Living Soil Sponge that Holds onto Water
3. Treat Rainwater as a Resource by Contouring the Land to Capture it
4. Select and Arrange Plants to Maximize Biodiversity and Minimize Water Use
5. Control Your Irrigation to Minimize Water Waste

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### Part 2

#### Turf Removal and Garden Transformation Workshop

Dig into the process of removing grass from your yard, selecting and planting climate-appropriate plants, and making sure your garden is healthy for the long-haul.

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Evaluate the Opportunities in Your Landscape
2. Plan for your Garden Transformation
3. Identify the Type of Turf Grass in Your Yard
4. Remove Grass Without Chemicals
5. Building Healthy Living Soil
6. Select Climate-appropriate Plants that Minimize Water and Maximize Beauty and Biodiversity
7. Implement a Maintenance Schedule that Keeps Your Yard Gorgeous All Year 'round

### Part 3

#### Garden Design Workshop

You know what you want, but aren't sure how to design it. This workshop helps you develop a plant list and lay out your garden.

In this workshop you will learn how to:

1. Calculate How Much Rainwater your Roof Generates
2. Plan for Holding Rainwater in your Garden
3. Select Climate-appropriate Plants for Form and Function
4. Group Plants by Hydrozone on a Plan

Various dates  
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April 2021!