

***Committee Member Binder moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission review the request for removal of the Brazilian pepper tree at 1034 Maryhurst Drive, seconded by Chair Brower, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES:**                ***Committee Member – Binder, Brower***  
**NOES:**             ***Committee Member – None***  
**ABSENT:**          ***Committee Member – Sifuentes***

4. Request for Tree Removal – 2475 Michigan Drive

Cari Dillman, Community Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Manager Dillman and Jeremy Swan, Community Services Director, responded to questions from the Committee regarding previous claims for damages that the City has settled, the possibility of future claims, and how the City considers mitigating future payouts.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that one written public comment had been received on this item.

Barnabas Path stated that the *Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual* was created to provide a logical approach to how decisions are made. Because trees are public assets, the policies give consideration to the community, not the individual. Mr. Path also noted that replacement costs don't cover the value of the tree being removed.

Fred Roth spoke regarding risk factors for tree failure and tree behavior in winds.

Marc Wirtz asked if non-residents are allowed to make public comment.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Brower closed public comment.

Director Swan responded that, as a Brown Act committee, Tree Committee Meetings are open to the public and that anyone may speak under public comment.

***Chair Brower moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission deny the request for the removal of two Canary Island pine trees at 2475 Michigan Drive, seconded by Committee Member Binder, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES:**                ***Committee Member – Binder, Brower***  
**NOES:**             ***Committee Member – None***  
**ABSENT:**          ***Committee Member – Sifuentes***