

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

Dawn Ross, Senior Administrative Assistant, announced that one written public comment had been received on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

***Commissioner Scott Toux moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Roselle, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

**AYES:** Commissioner – Binder, Brower, Mora, Roselle, Scott Toux, Sifuentes

**NOES:** Commissioner – None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner – Silva

1. Community and Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026  
Approved and filed the Community and Human Services Commission meeting minutes of March 4, 2026.
2. Committee Meeting Minutes  
Received and filed the various committee meeting minutes.
3. Tree Plantings and Removals for January 2026  
Received and filed the tree plantings and removals report for January 2026.
4. Youth Sports Committee Membership Resignation  
Accepted the resignation of the Youth Sports Committee member representing Western Christian Schools.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

5. Request for Tree Removal – 347 Indiana Avenue

This item starts at 00:08:45 in the archived video.

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

Manager Dillman and Richard Hecker, Landscape Maintenance Supervisor and certified Arborist, responded to questions from the Commission regarding the probability of the tree falling during a wind event, whether the City is able to quantify level of risk/probability of failure, the origin of the alternative recommendation for the homeowner to cover the cost of removal and replacement, the location of the tree relative to the house, replant species and locations, and the species of other trees on the street.

Chair Sifuentes invited public comment.

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

Richard Suter, property owner, stated that eight trees on the street have fallen or been removed in the past five years, and that seventy blew over in a single event. Mr. Suter claims that the issue is not whether the tree will fall but where it will land if it does, and he is certain that it will land on the house because of proximity and wind patterns. Mr. Suter asked the Commission not to rely on the findings that the tree is healthy, as many of the trees that failed in previous windstorms were also healthy.

Daniel Leopoldo, Claremont resident, is a long-time resident of Michigan Drive who states that the beauty of Michigan Drive is the pine trees, because of their shape and size. Mr. Leopoldo does not recall any trees falling on Michigan Drive and only one on Indiana Avenue. Mr. Leopoldo spoke in favor of keeping all of the trees on Michigan Drive and not cutting one down because of the possibility of it falling.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Sifuentes closed public comment.

The Commission discussed the idea that removing a tree in good health because of a feeling or supposition may set a precedent for other residents to request removal of other healthy trees, damaging the City's reputation as a "City of Trees"; the fact that all of the trees at the property are healthy; that the City removes trees of concern but that this tree does not qualify for removal; whether cabling or bracing the tree would be practical; and that there is no apparent direct impact to the residents' health caused by the tree.

***Commissioner Brower moved to deny the request for the removal of the Canary Island pine tree at 347 Indiana Avenue, seconded by Commissioner Scott Toux, and carried on a roll call vote as follows:***

***AYES: Commissioner – Binder, Brower, Mora, Roselle, Scott Toux, Sifuentes***

***NOES: Commissioner – None***

***ABSENT: Commissioner – Silva***

6. Request for Tree Removal – 2243 N Indian Hill Boulevard

This item starts at 00:32:51 in the archived video.

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

Manager Dillman and Richard Hecker, Landscape Maintenance Supervisor and certified Arborist, responded to questions from the Commission regarding Edison's regular trimming of the tree, whether increased watering or trimming would mitigate nuisance debris, the responsibility of the property owner to increase watering, whether there are feasible measures other than a root barrier to mitigate hardscape damage, whether the nuisance debris is seasonal, and the overall health of the tree.