

Chair Brower closed public comment.

Committee Member Binder moved to approve the Consent Calendar, 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***

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2. Request for Tree Removal – 616 Charleston Drive

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

Manager Dillman clarified for the Committee the proposed staff recommendation and possible alternatives.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

David Brownlee, property owner, cited other similar trees on his street that fell during previous windstorms, and stated there is a significant probability that his will fall. Mr. Brownlee also noted that pinecones fall from the tree year-round, causing damage to vehicles.

Barnabas Path spoke in support of staff's recommendation and urged using reasoned evaluation to make decisions regarding removals. Mr. Path stated that City trees are an asset to the community as a whole, and that residents may have differing opinions.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Brower closed public comment.

Manager Dillman responded to questions from the Committee regarding the property owner's consent to replanting, should the tree be removed.

Chair Brower moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission approve the request for removal of the tree at 616 Charleston Drive and the replanting of two trees, as required by the Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual, at the property owner's expense, for an estimated total cost of \$2,065, 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**

3. Request for Tree Removal – 1034 Maryhurst Drive

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

Manager Dillman responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there are other Brazilian pepper trees on the street, whether the removal of the specific tree would be sufficient to mitigate the allergenic effects on the resident, whether additional trimming would be possible and beneficial, how many pepper trees are planted at the property, and the health of the tree.

Chair Brower invited public comment.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ross announced that no written public comment had been received on this item.

Fred Roth stated that not all trees produce airborne pollen, and he is unsure whether the resident's allergy is to this particular tree.

Marc Wirtz, property owner, acknowledged that removing the tree may not mitigate his daughter's health issues, because there are other Brazilian pepper trees on the street. Due to the severity of her allergies he is advocating for its removal in the chance that it will help, but he is comfortable with the recommendations and appreciates staff's willingness to work with him.

Barnabas Path spoke in support of the recommendation to deny the request for removal.

Unidentified speaker noted that the tree in front of the property is female and produces peppercorns year-round. Because not all of the trees produce berries, her daughter wouldn't be allergic to all of the trees in the neighborhood. The resident also cited previous property damage to the water line, due to the placement of the tree.

There were no additional requests to speak.

Chair Brower closed public comment.

The Committee discussed the traits of male versus female trees of the species, airborne versus contact exposure, the health of the trees on the street, and the criteria for removal.

Committee Member Binder moved to recommend that the Community and Human Services Commission approve the request for the removal of the tree at 1034 Maryhurst Drive and the replanting of two trees, as required by the Tree Policies and Guidelines Manual, at the property owner's expense, for a total cost of \$1,820.

The motion died for lack of a second.