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This notice shall be posted until a final decision has been rendered.



Posted By

9/26/18

Date

City of Mountain View
Forestry Division
231 North Whisman Road
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

HERITAGE TREE APPEAL MEETING

HAS BEEN POSTPONED

TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

(TIME TO BE DETERMINED)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE FORESTRY
DIVISION AT (650) 903-6273

1039 SOLANA DRIVE
MONTEREY PINE

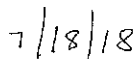
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Guarina, Rachel

From: Flynn, Allison
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 1:40 PM
To: Guarina, Rachel
Subject: FW: Heritage tree at 1039 Solana Drive
Attachments: MFrankel_LetterToMVForestryDivision_Aug2018.jpg

From: Monica Frankel [<mailto:ikfrank@att.net>]
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2018 1:54 PM
To: prc@mountainview.gov
Cc: Annette Herz
Subject: Heritage tree at 1039 Solana Drive

To the Urban Forestry Board:

Attached is my letter in support of Annette Herz's April 2018 request for permission to remove a heritage tree on her property. This tree, which appears to have a high fall risk, impacts my property as well as hers.

Adding to the stresses of age and drought, a previous owner had a portion of the tree's roots removed.

Would you please consider my letter at the September 12, 2018 appeal hearing, which unfortunately I will be unable to attend.

Thank you very much.

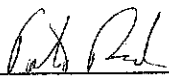
Monica Frankel
1051 Solana Drive

1039 SOLANA DRIVE
MONTEREY PINE

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Posted By

5/8/08

Date

City of Mountain View
Forestry Division
231 North Whisman Road
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Name: BEATRICE BUT Date: 05/07/18
 Address: 1039 Solana Dr. Mtn. View

ACCOUNT ↑ Type: Monterey Pine
 020012-42715 Sales of maps, pamphlets, codes, ordinances, charters, publications, Precise Plans, agendas, minutes, Council reports, copies, faxes (DOCFEE)

020012-42799 Heritage Tree Appeal (TREFAP)

\$50.00

05/07/18 481987 26.50

1-42715 Sales of City Code and Code Supplements Subscription (CITYSUB)

City Of Mountain View

1-22150 Elections - Deposit for Printing of Candidate's Statement (CANDST)

Date: 05/07/18 CBA /CB7 /CD1
 Time: 15:23:37 Receipt No: 481988

1-42715 Elections - Precinct Maps (ELCMAP)

1-43643 Sales of City Souvenirs (SOUVEN)

Account No: BEATRICE BUT

Beginning Balance 0.00
 HERITAGE TREE APPEAL -50.00
 Ending Balance -50.00

1-42799 Zoning Appeal to Council - CDD (ZONAPP)

1-42799 Other Appeal to Council ()

1-43643 Building Attendant and Rental Fee (CCATTN)

CHECK Amount 50.00

1-22171 Security Deposit

Payment 50.00
 Change 0.00

1-43643 Sales of Souvenirs (Clerk Store)

1-42799 Marriage Officiant

MAY 07 2018

PAID
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 CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
 FINANCE & ADMIN SERVICES DEPT

SUBTOTAL \$50.00

TAX

TOTAL \$50.00

1039 SOLANA DR

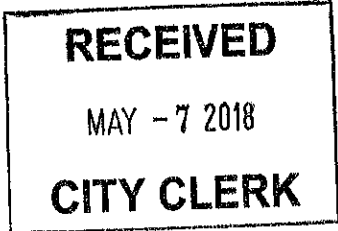
Thank You And Have A Nice Day

NOTE: After payment of the above charges at the Finance and Administrative Services Department, please return this form and validated receipt to the City Clerk's Office

Issued by: CB. Receipt No: 481968

May 6, 2018

City Clerk's Office
500 Castro Street
Mountain View, CA 94041
Attn: Jakob Treonic
Forestry Division



Dear Mr. Treonic,

I am filing an appeal of removal of the Heritage Tree that is granted for 1039 Solana Drive of Property Owner Annette Herz.

We have been living at 1074 Solana Drive since 1984. I have never seen so many Heritage Trees removed in the last 5-10 years just on our street alone. Just last year, the same type of tree was removed at 1014 Solana Drive. There the reason was that it was sick and damaged their house. I did not believe this at all because I did not see any dead needles on it. Across from our property, at 1087 Heritage Trees were removed without license.

Here are my reasons to appeal your decision:

Utility Interference - You are mentioning the Utility Interference. I believe this can be solved with trimming the tree appropriately. Why all of a sudden after 80 years+ this is an issue? I'm sure this could be accomplished with trimming the tree accordingly.

Poor Structure - I agree, structurally, it could be trimmed much better. There are limbs that are "butchered", leaving the cuttings 2 feet from trunk in the air, instead of trimming along the trunk. For sure it was not a professional arborist who performed this work. I surely hope that it was not your own department who actually did this.

Value of our Homes and Neighborhood - I believe that the presence of Heritage trees make our neighborhood much more attractive and increases the value of our homes. Just go look in San Jose or a less desirable area, you do not see trees there or only very small ones.

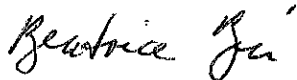
Wildlife Habitat - No big trees, no habitat for wildlife. It is sad to see that our squirrels, birds, opossums and raccoons are losing their homes. I believe that one of the reasons we are having so many crows is that there are not enough squirrels to take their eggs, so they have very few predators.

Global Warming, CO2 Reduction - With today's global warming, I really feel that removing 80 year old trees should not be approved so easily by your department. Trees consume CO2, which helps with our air quality. After all, we should start in our own backyard making wise decisions for the better of the earth.

For all the above reasons, I wish that Ms. Herz will reconsider and see if she could find a way to have her beautiful Monterey Pine tree saved. I know it takes maintenance to care for a tree and yard, but it surely is all worth taking care of our environment and nature that cannot have a voice of its own. If we are all more considerate about the voiceless and make some adjustments, it can go a long way.

I'm hopeful that you are taking the above reasons into consideration. Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beatrice Bui".

Beatrice Bui
1074 Solana Drive
Mountain View, CA 94040
(650) 948-7562

Enclosure
Check of \$50



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT • FORESTRY AND ROADWAY LANDSCAPE DIVISION
231 North Whisman Road • Post Office Box 7540 • Mountain View, CA 94039-7540 • 650-903-6273 • FAX 650-961-6290

HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL

RECEIVED
APR 27 2018
CITY CLERK

ACTION PENDING

Location: 1039 SOLANA DR.

Property Owner: MS. ANNETTE HERZ

Type of Tree: MONTEREY PINE

Upon the completion of a field inspection, Forestry Division staff has determined that the request to have the tree/trees removed be:

APPROVED DENIED


The following reason(s) are cited in rendering this decision:

CONDITION OF TREE: Utility interference; included bark; poor structure

Any person wishing to appeal this action must file an appeal (Fee \$50) with the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, by 5:00 p.m., May 9, 2018 as outlined in Section 32.31 of the City of Mountain View City Code.

For further information regarding this Heritage Tree Removal Notice, contact the Forestry Division Office at (650) 903-6273

Date Posted: April 27, 2018



Jakob Trconic, Parks Section Manager

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APR 05 2018

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, FORESTRY DIVISION
231 NORTH WHISMAN ROAD
POST OFFICE BOX 7540
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94039-7540
650-903-6273 M-F 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

(Fee \$116; each additional tree at the same site \$58)
**APPLICATION FOR
HERITAGE TREE REMOVAL PERMIT**

The undersigned owner of the property at 1039 Solana Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040

Phone No. (Home) 408-914 0457 (Work) 408-914 0457

hereby applies for permission to remove Heritage tree(s) as follows:

Common Name of Tree Monterey Pine Tree Number of Trees 1

Circumference of tree 54" above ground: large (heritage tree)

REASON FOR REMOVAL: Check applicable box(es) below. There may be more than one reason.

Comments: tree is approx 55 years old and nearing the end of its life cycle; needles started to brown, its leaning towards my neighbors and lifted fence and sidewalks, too.
There were 2 Monterey Pine trees in the back of property, one of which suffered a traumatic failure on Jul 02 2015 and by wonder did not hurt a person or hit a building.

- The condition of tree with respect to age of the tree relative to the life span of that particular species, disease, infestation, general health, damage, public nuisance, danger of falling, proximity to existing or proposed structures, and interference with utility services.
- The necessity of the removal of the Heritage tree in order to construct improvements and/or allow reasonable and conforming use of the property when compared to other similarly situated properties.
- The nature and qualities of the tree as a Heritage tree, including its maturity, its aesthetic qualities such as its canopy, its shape and structure, its majestic stature and its visual impact on the neighborhood.
- Good forestry practices such as, but not limited to, the number of healthy trees a given parcel of land will support and the planned removal of any tree nearing the end of its life cycle and the replacement of young trees to enhance the overall health of the urban forest.
- BALANCING CRITERIA.** In addition to the criteria referenced above which may support removal, the decision-maker shall also balance the request for removal against the following which may support or mitigate against removal:
 - The topography of land and effect of the requested removal on erosion, soil retention, water retention, and diversion or increased flow of surface waters.
 - The effect of the requested removal on the remaining number, species, size, and location of existing trees on the site and in the area.
 - The effect of the requested removal with regard to shade, noise buffers, protection from wind damage and air pollution, and the effect upon the historic value and scenic beauty and the health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of the area and the City as a whole.

OWNER'S PRINTED NAME Annette Herz

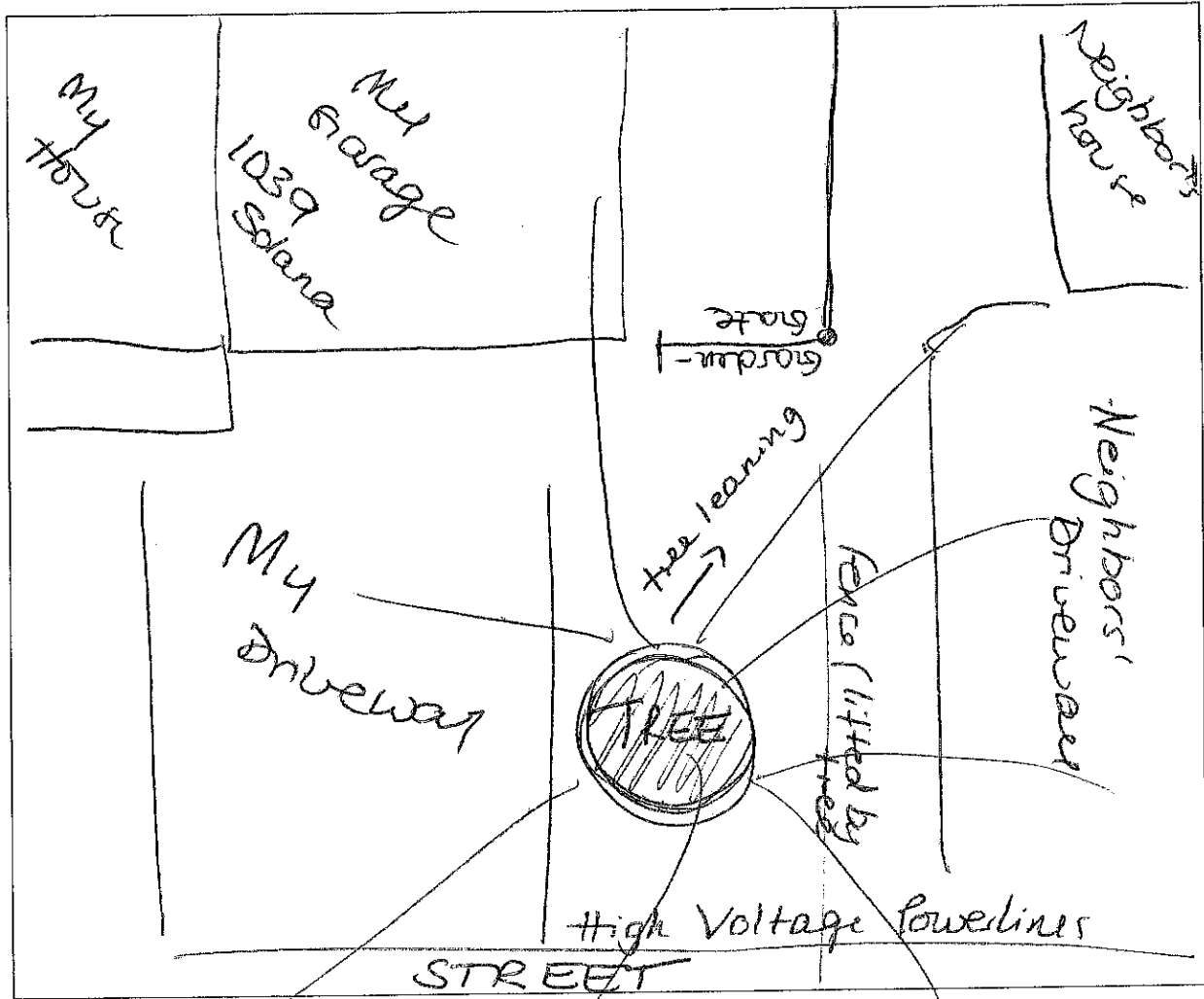
OWNER'S SIGNATURE 

MAILING ADDRESS 1039 Solana Drive,

CITY Mountain View, STATE CA ZIP 94040

NOTE: This form must be returned to the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division in its entirety upon completion by the applicant. The applicant has read and is familiar with Article II, Chapter 32 of the Mountain View City Code (copy attached). In providing the information on this form, please be aware that this information is public record subject to disclosure upon request.

LOCATION: Please include sketch or attach a separate piece of paper.



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

This permit must be available at the work site at all times when the work is being done.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

RECOMMEND DENIAL

Arborist

Date

APPROVED

DENIED

Forestry and Roadway Landscape Manager

Date

OBSERVATIONS/EVALUATION:

Replant required _____ 15- or 24-gallon tree by owner or in-lieu fee/by Forestry Division.

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ (Permit expires two years from effective date.)

ACTION	DATE	CLERK
1. Applicant notified of decision by mail.	_____	_____
2. Notice posted on tree.	_____	_____
3. If no appeals, approved/denied application mailed.	_____	_____

Adendum to Heritage Tree Removal Application for 1029 Solana Dr, Mountain View, CA 94040

Dear Sirs,

I really love to preserve the trees as I am acutely aware of the impact of tree removal not only on the visual feel of the neighborhood, but also it's intrinsic value for wildlife.

I have over the past years, since living on this property, taken exemplary effort to preserve my trees and enhance natural habitat. I added a lot of drought-resistant plants in the back (after previous tree failure) and planted a new heritage tree – a live oak, as I was told this is best for the birds. I also provide cover and water (a pond) to wildlife and greatly encourage birds, opossum, skunks and raccoons to visit.

I also have continuously taken great care of the Monterey Pine trees, learned a lot about their vulnerability in this area, as well as paid for their care. I have an arborist inspect them once every 18 months at least.

I also have a yearly 'discussion' with PG&E as they want to trim them from the high voltage powerlines – but I know the tree can only be trimmed in the cold season to avoid bark beetle damage. I probably have a mark in my name at PG&E, but the health of this tree is important to me !!!!

On July 02 2015 the largest Monterey Pine Tree in the backyard suffered a catastrophic tree failure. You may still have this event on file as we received an emergency permit for his twin brother whose roots were lifted by the tree fallen. The tree took out my neighbors and mine backyard – it was massive, over 90 feet tall and well, you know how wide those trees are. It is close to a miracle that nobody got injured, and no structure suffered significant damage.

That tree was healthy looking (as certified by an arborist 6 months prior to his falling) but had root issues due to the drought.

Now I have a remaining Monterey Pine tree in the front which recently showed significant more brown needles than in the past months, so I consulted an arborist, Row Bradshaw, from Davey Trees.

He told me that this tree is at the end of it's natural life cycle, estimates it over 50 years old and it be only a matter of time before it dies.

Now the trees have a habit of not just dying, but falling, and this one looms particularly close to my neighbors and my bedroom. It leans towards my patient neighbors (who were home when the other tree fell into their yard just outside where they were standing).

This tree is also grown around the High Voltage Powerlines, and PG&E is trying to trim it every year and only due to my persistence have they been very conservative, but its grown all around and very near the lines.

The tree has lifted the fence between our properties (which we don't repair as to not interfere with the health of the tree !); raised sidewalks which were sanded down several times. It also has most of its drip line covered by concrete, non-porous driveway (sorry, driveway was poured before I owned the property, I would have opted for a different solution).

He offered deep watering, and fertilizing treatments, but the tree could (will) die anyway, it's just a matter of time and he can not say when this may happen.

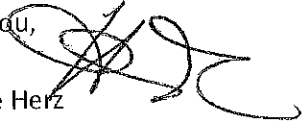
As much as I want to preserve the tree, I cannot in good conscience leave this danger looming over our houses. My neighbor supports the removal (they probably were really traumatized from the fallen tree in the back).

I will replace it with a native or drought resistance tree that will not grow to interfere with the power line, but still provide habitat for the birds. Thinking along the lines of a Pacific Dogwood and a Western Redbud combination.

Please approve of this permit for removal.

Thank you,

Annette Herz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Annette Herz', written over the printed name.