

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS
October 12, 2022 MEETING

September 2022 Monthly report

1. In the monthly report, it is noted that staff will meet with a website consultant hired to develop web content related to Heritage Tree Removal policies and permitting. How does this timing fit with the Urban Forestry Plan that will look at these policies? What content will be used to populate the site?

The website consultant was hired by the Community Development Department (CDD) in an effort to clearly outline the process for Heritage Tree Removals related to development projects on the City's website. Because CDD's process is different than the Community Services Department's (CSD) process, CSD was engaged to help the website consultant understand the differences in order to direct customers to the right place on our website. As Heritage Tree Removal processes change, staff will continue to update content on the City's website. Policies and permitting will not be reviewed as part of CDD's website update efforts, and will instead be addressed as part of the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Plan.

5.1. Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Building Replacement, Project 21-48-Tree Mitigation

1. Staff notes that the replacement trees will be California natives and names four trees, two of which (the elm and the arbutus) are not native. Can you clarify what trees staff is proposing to plant, and the process whereby trees will be selected?

Staff erroneously indicated that all of the proposed tree species are California native. When developing a list of tree species to plant, staff consults with the City Arborist who utilizes the Council adopted Precise Plans and Community Tree Master Plan, as well as the Arborist's experience, to identify several species options best suited for the area. All of the tree species selected for this project's mitigation planting are from the North Bayshore Precise Plan Street Tree List. Although Rengstorff Park is not within the North Bayshore Precise Plan area, the list contains species well adapted to the Rengstorff Park area. The Community Tree Master Plan encourages diversity of tree species and the urban forest will respond better to pest and disease outbreaks with a mix of native and non-native tree species. The species proposed for planting would be a combination of Valley oak, Coast live oak, Emerald Sunshine, and Marina Madrone.