



**REGULAR MEETING
THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, August 4, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL
Laguna Woods Village 24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Acknowledgment of Media
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Meeting Report for July 7, 2022
5. Chair Remarks
6. Department Head Update
 - a. Project Log
 - b. Tree Work Status Report
7. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)
8. Response to Member Comments

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. Tree Removal Request: 2350-B Via Mariposa West – Two Star Pine Trees
10. Tree Removal Request: 5079 Ovalo – One Japanese Black Pine Tree and One Cypress Shrub

Future Agenda Items

Concluding Business:

14. Committee Member Comments
15. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
16. Adjournment

Ira Lewis, Chair
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer
Jayanna Abolmoloki, Landscape Administrative Assistant
Telephone: 949-268-2565

*A quorum of the Third Board, or more, may also be present at the meeting.



OPEN MEETING

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE THIRD LAGUNA HILLS MUTUAL
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, July 7, 2022 – 9:30 AM
BOARD ROOM/VIRTUAL MEETING
Laguna Woods Village Community Center, 24351 El Toro Road**

REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair- Ira Lewis, Ralph Engdahl, Jules Zalon, Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate - Cush Bhada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT Annie McCary (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Yvonne Horton

ADVISORS PRESENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Kurt Wiemann, Jayanna Abolmoloki

1. Call to Order

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Media

No media was present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Lewis added a future agenda item titled: Discussion with Water Conservation Committee to Develop a Policy for Members Watering Common Areas.

4. Approval of the June 2, 2022 Report

The meeting report was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Committee Chair Remarks

Director Lewis stated that he did not have many comments, other than to say that he did not expect a large crowd today, but he is happy to see the participation.

Director Lewis instructed the audience to complete a speaker card if they wished to make a member comment for an item not listed on the agenda. Director Lewis also asked the audience to please hold any other comments until the appropriate agenda item is discussed.

6. Department Head Update

6a. Project Log

Mr. Wiemann reviewed the Project Log and answered some questions.

6b. Tree Work Status Report

7. Member Comments (Items Not on the Agenda)

Several members made comments and asked questions. Topics included the following:

- Tree trimming and removal
- Fire hardening within the Gate 11 area
- Shrub replacement
- Complements for the crews
- Weeds

8. Response to Member Comments

Mr. Wiemann informed a member that he has just hired an additional Administrative Assistant who will be responsible for following-up with members on their requests. Kurt also stated that he would look into this specific request and send someone out to the unit this week, or next.

Mr. Wiemann apologized for any confusion regarding the Fire Hardening program in the Gate 11 area. He continued to inform the audience that he and the CEO, Siobhan Foster, met with the Fire Marshall regarding the project. Mr. Wiemann stated that the Fire Marshall suggested the Mutual begin fire hardening in yellow zones to prepare for next year, due to Cal Fire anticipating that yellow zones will become red zones in 2023. Mr. Wiemann informed the audience that, as a compromise to the original plan of trimming shrubs two-feet below windows, the landscape crews will now instead be removing foliage from the bottom foot of shrubs in yellow and red zones.

Items for Discussion and Consideration

9. Tree Removal Request: 4021-C Calle Sonora – One Canary Island Pine Tree

Director Rane-Szostak made a motion to accept staff recommendation to remove one Canary Island Pine tree located at 4021-C. Director Engdahl seconded. The committee was in unanimous support.

10. Water Mandates Discussion

Mr. Wiemann informed the committee that he met with the General Manager of El Toro Water District on Tuesday, and no further mandates have been implemented at this time. Members made comments and asked questions.

Future Agenda Items:

11. Discussion with Water Conservation Committee to Develop a Policy for Members Watering Common Areas

Concluding Business:

12. Committee Member Comments

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, August 4 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

14. Adjournment at 10:15 a.m.

N. Ira Lewis

[N. Ira Lewis \(Jul 12, 2022 14:25 PDT\)](#)

Ira Lewis, Chair
Kurt Wiemann, Staff Officer
Jayanna Abolmoloki, Landscape Administrative Assistant
949-268-2565

Third Mutual Landscape Project Log August 2022 2022 Reserve Fund Projects								
Project	Contractor	Description	Status	Estimated Completion	Completion*	Budget	YTD*	Balance
Tree Maintenance	Great Scott Tree Services, Inc.	The annual program, a combination of contracted work and in-house staff, working on a 5 year species-based trim cycle. Contractor performs mainly scheduled annual maintenance and isolated removals. Staff crew focuses on customer service.	Contracted tree crews trimmed 981 trees, removed 19, and planted 8 trees.	Annual Program	39%	\$503,120	\$195,137	\$307,983
	In-House Tree Crew		As of June 30, 2022, the in-house crew trimmed 421 trees, removed 59 trees and planted 17 trees.		60%	\$440,304	\$263,232	\$177,072
Landscape Modernization	Staff	Elimination of highest water using turf areas; replacing with water efficient landscapes.	On-going annual project using in-house crews.	Annual Program	38%	\$162,520	\$62,426	\$100,095
Slope Maintenance Outsourced	Mission Landscape	Annual Maintenance	In progress, on schedule.	Annual Program	58%	\$490,395	\$286,064	\$204,331
Fire Risk Reduction	Mission Landscaping/ Andre Landscape/Staff	Project includes the removal of vegetation with a high risk of fire.	Slope Erosion Scar Evaluation at 3420 Calle Azul out to bid (Disaster Fund). Clear Non-Native Plants from fire areas.	Annual Program	59%	\$180,000	\$107,031	\$72,969

*Completion based upon invoices recieved to-date. In-house expenses as of June 30, 2022.

Third Mutual Off-Schedule Tree Work Status Report

6/1/2022	5333	Trim	Camphor	2	Full Trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5333	Trim	Juniper spartan	2	Full Trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5333	Trim	Juniper spartan	2	Full Trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5333	Trim	Juniper Spartan	2	Full Trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5333	Removal	Juniper spartan	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
6/1/2022	5343	Clearance	California Pepper	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5494	Clearance	Camphor	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5494	Clearance	Camphor	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5494	Clearance	Camphor	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5494	Clearance	Camphor	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5495	Clearance	Camphor	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5495	Clearance	Camphor	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	3427	Clearance	Canary Island Pine	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5584	Clearance	Orchid Tree	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5584	Clearance	Magnolia	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5560	Clearance	Metrosideros	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	3422	Clearance	Brush Cherry	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	3422	Clearance	Brush Cherry	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/1/2022	5199	Removal	Lemon tree	1	Resident request	Staff
6/2/2022	5551	Trim	Bird Paradise	3	Full Trim	Staff
6/2/2022	3498	Removal	purple leaf Plum	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
6/2/2022	3444	Trim	Ficus Nitida	10	Full Trim	Staff
6/2/2022	3407	Removal	Callistemon spp	8	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
6/2/2022	3325	Clearance	Star Pine	2	clearance trim	Staff
6/2/2022	5379	Hanging branch	Coral Tree	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/2/2022	3268	Trim	Peppermint	6	Full Trim	Staff
6/3/2022	2345	Removal	purple leaf Plum	3	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
6/3/2022	3231	Removal	lemon	2	Resident request	Staff
6/6/2022	3080	Trim	Magnolia	3	Full Trim	Staff
6/6/2022	3250	Trim	5 Peppermint	10	Full Trim	Staff
6/7/2022	5379	Hanging branch	Erutrina Caffra	6	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/7/2022	2336	Removal	Lagestromia Indica	3	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
6/7/2022	3018	Hanging branch	Peppermint	4	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/7/2022	2358	Trim	2 podocarpus	6	Full Trim	Staff
6/7/2022	5156	Hanging branch	Callistemon spp	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/9/2022	3257	Trim	Afrocarpus Graciliar	6	Full Trim	Staff
6/9/2022	3156	Trim	Brazilian Pepper	1.5	Full Trim	Staff
6/8/2022	961	Crown Thin	Camphor	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	961	Crown Thin	Carrotwood	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	961	Crown Thin	Crape Myrtle	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	961	Crown Thin	Crape Myrtle	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	962	Crown Thin	Bottlebrush	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	962	Crown Thin	Bottlebrush	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	962	Crown Thin	Carrotwood	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/8/2022	962	Crown Thin	Carrotwood	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/9/2022	962	Crown Thin	Crape Myrtle	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/9/2022	963	Crown Thin	Crape Myrtle	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/9/2022	963	Crown Thin	Carrotwood	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
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6/9/2022	963	Crown Thin	Crape Myrtle	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/9/2022	963	Crown Thin	Magnolia	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	Magnolia	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	Alder	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	Alder	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	Bottlebrush	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	carrotwood	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	carrotwood	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	Loquat	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/10/2022	964	Crown Thin	Loquat	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
5/6/2022	2394	Trim	2 Gingo Biloba	4	Full Trim	Staff
5/6/2022	2396	Trim	Gingo Biloba	2	Full Trim	Staff
5/6/2022	2397	Trim	2 Gingo Biloba	4	Full Trim	Staff
5/6/2022	2397	Trim	2 Afrocarpus Henkelii	4	Full Trim	Staff
5/6/2022	2397	Trim	2 Gingo Biloba	4	Full Trim	Staff
5/6/2022	2397	Removal	Gingo Biloba	4	deceased	Staff
6/13/2022	968	Removal	Persia Americana Avocado	3	Resident request	Staff
6/13/2022	968	Removal	Evergreen Pear	3	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
6/15/2022	5469	Hanging branch	Evergreen Pear	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/15/2022	5469	Hanging branch	Eucalyptus Cladocalyx	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/20/2022	5379	Hanging branch	Erathrina Caffra	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/20/2022	3248	Hanging branch	Liquid Amber	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/21/2022	4019	trim	Eucalyptus Sideroxylon	24	Full Trim	Staff
6/22/2022	4020	trim	Eucalyptus Sideroxylon	12	Full Trim	Staff
6/22/2022	4008	Clearance	Cajeput Tree	2	clear, in decline	Staff
6/22/2022	40088	trim	Red Ironbark	12	Full Trim	Staff
6/22/2022	4008	trim	Bottle Tree	3	Full Trim	Staff
6/22/2022	4008	trim	Ficus Nitida	6	Full Trim	Staff
6/23/2022	5527	trim	Ulmus Parvifolia	12	Full Trim	Staff
6/23/2022	5527	Hanging branch	Corymba Citridora	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/23/2022	3181	Removal	purple leaf Plum	3	deceased	Staff
6/23/2022	5222	Clearance	Ficus Benjamina	6	clearance	Staff
6/23/2022	5222	Clearance	Ficus Benjamina	3	clearance	Staff
6/23/2022	5223	Clearance	Ficus Benjamina	6	clearance	Staff
6/23/2022	3414	Hanging branch	Carrotwood	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/24/2022	2353	Clearance	Magnolia	3	clearance	Staff
6/24/2022	5433	Clearance	Plum and Brazilian Pepper	4	clearance	Staff
6/24/2022	5433	Clearance	Plum and Brazilian Pepper	4	clearance	Staff
6/24/2022	2133	trim	S Junipers	8	Full Trim	Staff
6/24/2022	3054	Hanging branch	Shamel Ash	2	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Carob	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Carob	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Crape Myrtle	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Eucalyptus Iron bark	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Eucalyptus Iron bark	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Evergreen Pear	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff
6/15/2022	967	Crown Thin	Evergreen Pear	1.5	Crown Thin	Staff

7/7/2022	5379	Removal	Coral Tree	15	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
7/8/2022	3267	Removal	Yucca tree	2	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
7/11/2022	3090	Removal	Callistemon spp	6	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
7/12/2022	5354	Removal	Yucca tree	4	In Decline and Deceased	Staff
7/13/2022	5321	Clearance	Brazilian Pepper	2	clearance trim	Staff
7/14/2022	3205	Hanging branch	Shamel Ash	3	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
7/15/2022	2377	trim	Torulosa	3	Full Trim	Staff
7/15/2022	2377	trim	Torulosa	3	Full Trim	Staff
7/15/2022	2377	trim	Torulosa	3	Full Trim	Staff
7/15/2022	2387	trim	African Red Alder	3	Full Trim	Staff
7/15/2022	2354	Clearance	King palms	2	clearance trim	Staff
7/18/2022	3104	trim	Manna Gum	15	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	3328	trim	Carrotwood	5	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	3328	trim	Carrotwood	5	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	3328	trim	Carrotwood	5	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	3328	Hanging branch	African Sumac	3	Hanger in Canopy	Staff
7/19/2022	5379	trim	fern pine	4	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	5379	trim	Bottle Brush	4	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	5379	trim	Cageput Tree	4	Full Trim	Staff
7/19/2022	5379	trim	Cageput Tree	4	Full Trim	Staff
7/21/2022	5318	Removal	Rhug Cancea	8	In Decline and Deceased	Staff



STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 4, 2022
FOR: Landscape Committee
SUBJECT: Tree Removal Request: 2350-B Via Mariposa West – Two Star Pine Trees (located at 2351-C)

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request for the removal of two Star Pine trees located at 2351-C Via Mariposa West.

BACKGROUND

The resident purchased the manor in March 2019, and is requesting the removal of two Star Pine trees, *Araucaria columnaris*, located at the side of the manor in the shrub bed area. The reasons cited for the removal are potential hazard to persons and property. There are three additional signatures on the Mutual Request Form in favor of the removal, including the resident at 2351-C, which is where the trees are located. (Attachment 1)

The trees were last pruned in June 2018. Future trimming is tentatively scheduled for fiscal year 2023. The height of the trees are approximately 90 feet, with a trunk diameter of approximately 28 inches. The trees are growing in the shrub bed area approximately six feet from the sidewalk and approximately nine feet from the patio and manor. (Attachment 2)

DISCUSSION

At the time of inspection, both trees were found to be in fair condition. Tree “B” has major surface roots and girdling roots approximately five feet from the manor. However, no structural damage was visual during the inspection. There was some bleeding, which is typical for this species this time of the year. The tree does have a lean which is also typical with this species. There was an unusual amount of pine cones on the tree, and many signs of previous limb failure.

Tree “A” has less surface rooting. However, it has the same amount of bleeding and an unusual amount of pine cones. It also displays previous limb loss. This tree also has a codominant main branch, which is not recommended for this type of tree. The codominant main branch causes a weak attachment and, in most cases, breaks away due to decay and included bark. This type of bark is the tree’s attempt to develop added strength for a V-shaped branch which is weak opposed to a U-shaped branch which is ideal. The removal of this branch this late in the stage of development would leave the tree with a very large open area, exposing itself to pests and decay.

Given the excessive girdling and surface rooting on tree “B” and the codominant branch on tree “A” it is staff’s recommendation to remove both trees prior to future infrastructure damage and the potential of complete tree failure.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The cost to remove both trees would be approximately \$4,424. The cost to trim both trees at the crew rental cost would be approximately \$1,800. The estimated combined value of the trees is \$12,160 based on the tree inventory data.

Prepared By: Bob Merget, Landscape Manager

Reviewed By: Kurt Wiemann, Director of Landscape Services

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment 1: Mutual Landscape Request Form

Attachment 2: Photographs

MUTUAL LANDSCAPE REQUEST FORM**PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

For all non-routine requests, please fill out this form. Per the policy of your Mutual, if your request falls outside the scope of the managing agent's authority, it will be forwarded to the Mutual's Landscape Committee for review. If you are unsure whether your request falls into this category, first contact Resident Services at 597-4600 in order to make that determination.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.**Resident/Owner Information***You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.*

2350 B Via Mariposa W
Address

6/8/22
Today's Date

Cindy Stark
Resident's Name

858 204 1116
Telephone Number

Non-Routine Request*Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.*

- ☒ Tree Removal ☐ New Landscape ☐ Off-Schedule Trimming
☐ Other (explain): _____

Reason for Request*Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.*

- ☐ Structural Damage ☐ Sewer Damage ☐ Overgrown ☐ Poor Condition
☐ Litter/Debris ☐ Personal Preference
☒ Other (explain): Potential Hazard to persons and property

GUIDELINES:

- Structural/Sewer Damage: Damage to buildings, sidewalks, sewer pipes, or other facilities may justify removal if corrective measures are not practical.
- Overgrown/Crowded: Trees or plants that have outgrown the available space may justify removal.
- Damaged/Declining Health: Trees or plants that are declining in health will be evaluated for corrective action before removal/replacement is considered.
- Litter and Debris: Because all trees shed litter seasonally, generally this is not an adequate reason to justify removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement may be at the resident's expense.
- Personal Preference: Because one does not like the appearance or other characteristics of the tree or plant generally does not justify its removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement is usually at the resident's expense.

Description & Location of Request

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

two norfolk island pine trees between manors
2351 & 2352. trees are 80-100 feet tall.

Pictures and further description of issue attached

Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request

Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
<i>Cheryl Stark</i>	2350-C	STRONGLY Agree		
<i>Jo Parada</i>	2352 A	via M	Definitely!	
<i>W. Upm</i>	2351C	X	PLEASE keep it cut!	

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

Acknowledgement - Owner

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

Cindy Stark
Owner's Signature

Cindy Stark
Owner's Name

OFFICE USE ONLY

MOVE-IN DATE: _____ DATE: _____ INITIALS: _____

530 _____ 540 _____ 570 _____ LAST PRUNED: _____

RELANDSCAPED: _____ NEXT TIME: _____

TREE SPECIES: _____

COMMENTS: _____

TREE VALUE: _____ TREE REMOVAL COST: _____

URGENT REQUEST

We are extremely concerned about two trees front of our manors. They have become a potential hazard, they are leaning and have surface roots, I'm concerned about one falling on my manor in the next wind/rainstorm, one would land directly on the bedrooms of our 4-unit cottage.

Additionally, the trees have begun dropping large apparently healthy green branches which is not typical at least during the last several years I've lived here, they make loud noises in the night and in the am we find branches on the sidewalk. They have also been dropping large heavy seed pods (lots more than normal), the gardeners cleaned up yesterday and there are eight more on the ground this am 6/6. The branches and seed pods could hit someone passing by as the tree is now leaning over the sidewalk.

I think the trees are a hazard. I recently met a neighbor's son (2352A) who has 8 acres in Washington State and is knowledgeable about trees, he said that the trees lean over more every time he visits his mother, he expressed concerned for my home and suggested that we look into it ASAP. He suggested I contact a lawyer, but I hope that won't be necessary. Please understand that if this tree falls then it could possibly injure or even kill the occupants of our building (manor 2350) not to mention the property damage.

I contacted resident services, both landscaping and tree maintenance came out yesterday and told me that I need to submit a formal request to have the trees removed which I have attached. I have also attached pictures for your reference.

I would appreciate prompt response to my request, please feel free to contact me with any questions or updates.

Thank you,

Cindy Stark
2350B
858-204-1116
Cindy.L.Stark@gmail.com

Additional note, this morning 6/12 several more branches dropped in the night, photos attached and there are **35 more** seed pods on the ground. It seems like we have several branches drop 2-3 times weekly.

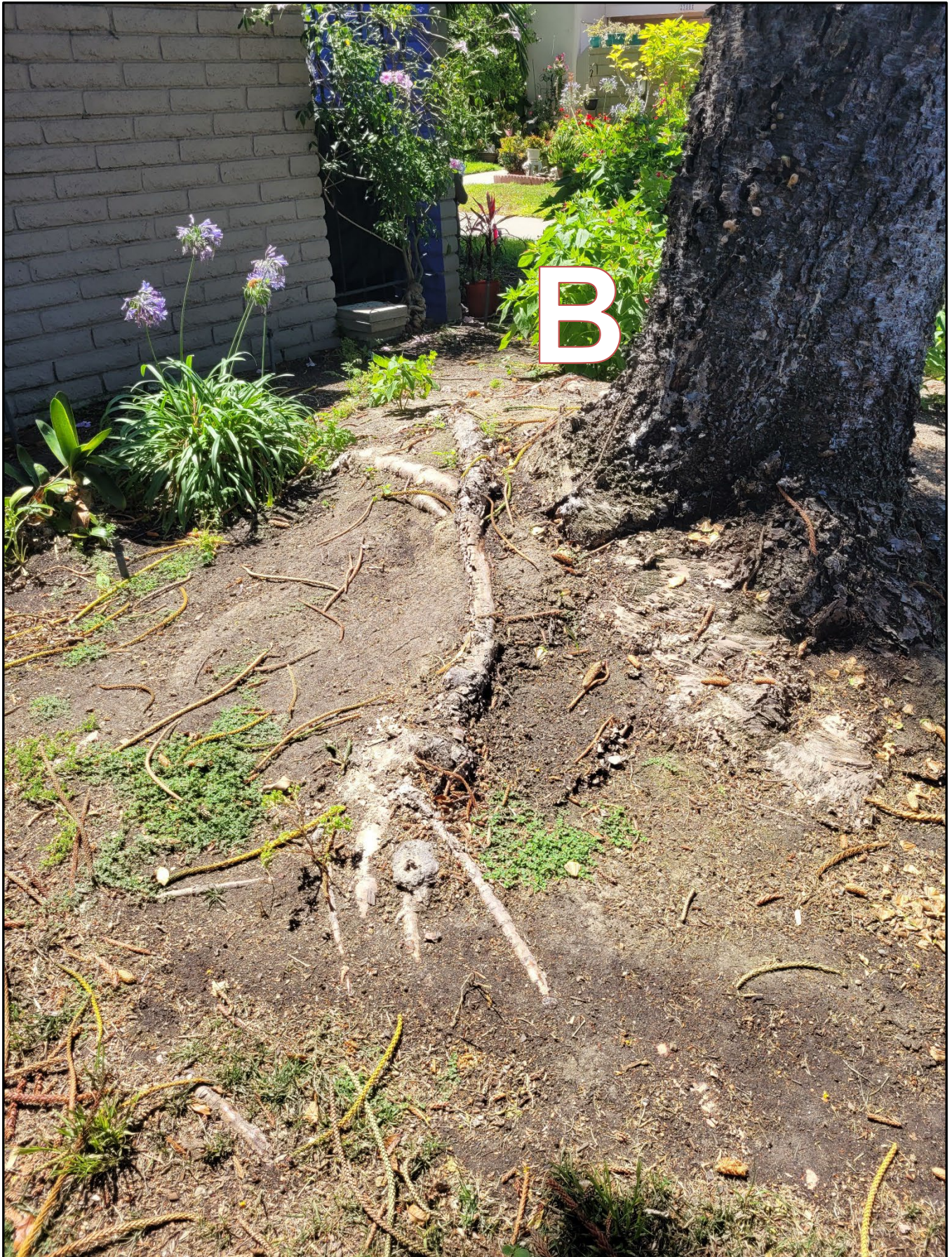




Attachment 2

















STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 4, 2022
FOR: Landscape Committee
SUBJECT: Tree Removal Request: 5079 Ovalo – One Japanese Black Pine Tree and One Cypress Shrub

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request for the removal of one Japanese Black Pine tree located at 5079 Ovalo.

BACKGROUND

The resident purchased the unit in December 2021, and is requesting the removal of one Japanese Black Pine tree, *Pinus thunbergiana*, located at the front of the unit in the small planter bed. The reasons cited for the removal are overgrown, structural damage and poor condition. There are no additional signatures on the Mutual Request Form. (Attachment 1)

The tree was last pruned in June of 2018. Future trimming is tentatively scheduled for fiscal year 2023. The height of the tree is approximately 21 feet, with a trunk diameter of approximately 12 inches. The tree is growing in the shrub bed approximately 12 inches from the patio fence and two inches from the planter wall. (Attachment 2)

DISCUSSION

At the time of inspection, the tree was found to be in good condition with a slight lean. The tree has some surface rooting, causing damage to the resident's planter wall. (This is an alteration, and the resident is aware that any repairs to the wall are the resident's responsibility.)

Due to the amount of foliage from existing shrub material staff was unable to determine whether there was any damage to the patio fence, which is constructed of brick columns and wrought iron. Given the proximity to the patio fence, damage would eventually occur to the nearby columns.

There is not enough space available to do any root trenching, and the installation of root barrier material as a preventative measure to avoid future damage from the root system. Therefore, staff is recommending the removal of this tree.

The Cypress shrub located at the front of the garage will be removed due to high maintenance, and due to evidence of red spider mite in the internal portions of the shrub.

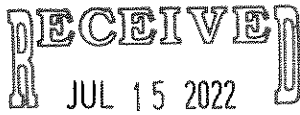
FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The cost to remove the Japanese Black Pine tree would be approximately \$828. The cost to trim the tree at a crew rental charge would be approximately \$425, and the estimated value of the tree is \$1,380 based on the tree inventory data. The cost to remove the Cypress shrub is estimated at \$120 and \$22 for a replacement shrub.

Prepared By: Bob Merget, Landscape Manager
Reviewed By: Kurt Wiemann, Director of Landscape Services

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BY: Safis**MUTUAL LANDSCAPE REQUEST FORM**PLEASE NOTE: THIS FORM IS NOT INTENDED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

For all non-routine requests, please fill out this form. Per the policy of your Mutual, if your request falls outside the scope of the managing agent's authority, it will be forwarded to the Mutual's Landscape Committee for review. If you are unsure whether your request falls into this category, first contact Resident Services at 597-4600 in order to make that determination.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REQUEST FORM TO RESIDENT SERVICES.**Resident/Owner Information**

You must be an owner to request non-routine Landscape requests.

5079 OVALO

Address

6.3.2022

Today's Date

SHARON YONASHIRO

Resident's Name

626.840.1308

Telephone Number

Non-Routine Request

Please checkmark the item that best describes your request. If none apply, please checkmark "Other" and explain.

☒ Tree Removal☐ New Landscape☐ Off-Schedule Trimming☐ Other (explain): PINE TREE AT WALL TO COURTYARD ISOUT OF PLACE & TOO LARGE. SHRUB AT FRONT OF HOUSE**Reason for Request**

Please checkmark the item(s) that best explain the reason for your request.

☒ Structural Damage☐ Sewer Damage☒ Overgrown☒ Poor Condition☐ Litter/Debris☐ Personal Preference☐ Other (explain): _____

IS
TOO
LARGE
(CEDAR)

GUIDELINES:

- Structural/Sewer Damage: Damage to buildings, sidewalks, sewer pipes, or other facilities may justify removal if corrective measures are not practical.
- Overgrown/Crowded: Trees or plants that have outgrown the available space may justify removal.
- Damaged/Declining Health: Trees or plants that are declining in health will be evaluated for corrective action before removal/replacement is considered.
- Litter and Debris: Because all trees shed litter seasonally, generally this is not an adequate reason to justify removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement may be at the resident's expense.
- Personal Preference: Because one does not like the appearance or other characteristics of the tree or plant generally does not justify its removal. However, if granted, removal/replacement is usually at the resident's expense.

Description & Location of Request

Please briefly describe the situation and the exact location of the subject of the request (e.g., "roots of pine tree in front of manor XYZ are lifting the sidewalk"). Attach pictures as necessary.

ROOTS OF PINE TREE AND THE TREE TRUNK ARE
LIFTING THE PLANTER TRIM AND ARE TOO CLOSE
TO THE BRICK & STUCCO WALLS OF MY COURTYARD.

Signatures of All Neighbors Affected By This Request

Because your request may affect one or more of your neighbors, it is imperative that you obtain their signatures, manor numbers, and whether they are for, undecided, or against this request.

Signature	Manor #	For	Undecided	Against
Carol Janner	5080	X		

(Please attach a separate sheet if more signatures are necessary.)

Acknowledgement - Owner

By signing, you are acknowledging this request.

Sharon Yonashiro
Owner's Signature

SHARON YONASHIRO
Owner's Name

OFFICE USE ONLY

MOVE-IN DATE: _____

DATE: _____ INITIALS: _____

530 _____ 540 _____

570 _____ LAST PRUNED: _____

RELANDSCAPED: _____

NEXT TIME: _____

TREE SPECIES: _____

COMMENTS: _____

TREE VALUE: _____ TREE REMOVAL COST: _____

**Villa Serena @ 5156 Avenida Despacio \$870,000
Dec. 2021**



IDEAL
APPEARANCE
OF VILLA
SERENA
LANDSCAPE



ACTUAL APPEARANCE OF YONASHIRO
HOUSE @ 5079 OVALO

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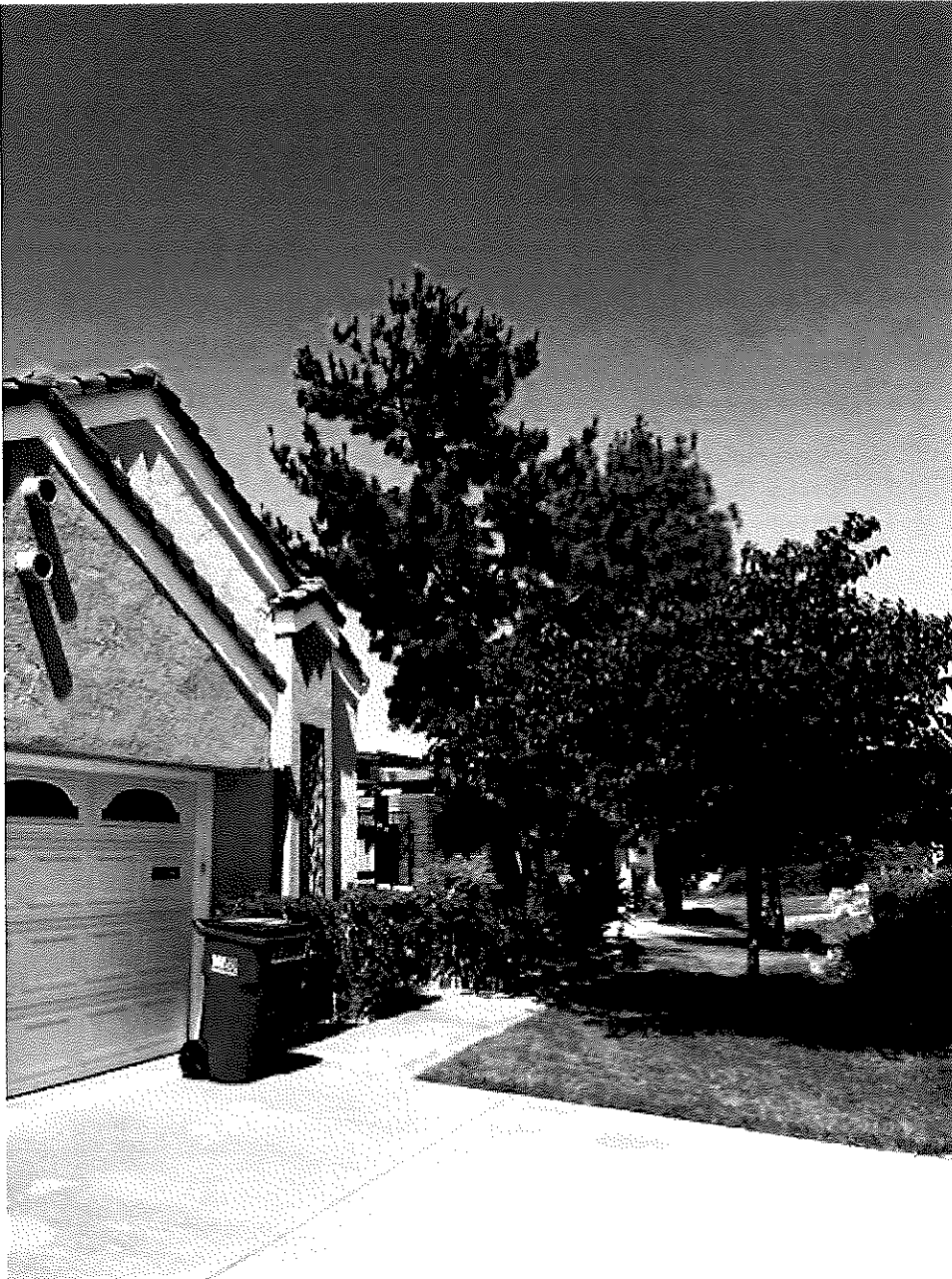


VIEW OF
5079 OVALO
FROM STREET
TREE NOT
VISIBLE

5080 OVALO
IN
BACKGROUND

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VIEW FROM
CORNER OF
OVALO & TERO
NOW 2 TREES
ARE VISIBLE



REQUEST IS
TO REMOVE
PINE IN THE
BACKGROUND
THE 2 TREES
ARE CROWDED

3



CAN SEE
HERE PINE
TREE TRUNK
IS TOO BIG
FOR THIS
PLANTING
AREA

4



SEE HERE
HOW CLOSE
THE BRANCH
IS TO MY
COURTYARD
WALL.

⑤

ANOTHER VIEW
OF THE
TRUNK &
PLANTING BED



6

DAMAGE TO
ENTRY PLANTER
WALL @
5079 OVALO



7



DAMAGE TO
THE SAME
PLASTER WALL
@ 5080 OVALO

8

OVERGROWN
& DISTRESSED
ROTTING
CEDAR



(9)

CLOSE-UP
OF CEDAR
GROWTH/
CONDITION



Attachment 2





