

Tree Policy Comments

From: Joanne Moser <email>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 8:02 AM
To: TreePolicy Comments
Subject: null

Hello,

I think the policy was developed with great thought and care. I live on Via Goleta and in the last few years have seen many trees removed. With the removal, I have noticed a substantial loss of birds, primarily hawks and owls. The removal of a number of canary pines where they nest was most likely the cause.

I would like to suggest that when a tree is removed, it is replaced with another tree which will not obstruct views. We need to maintain trees for our ecosystem and wildlife. I believe the City has a list of approved trees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tree Policy Comments

From: Jodi <email>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 4:26 PM
To: TreePolicy Comments
Subject: Public Comments

Please trim the trees along Chiswick, they are hazardous in winds and storms. As well, please have the city crew remove the fallen fronds asap After said wind or storm.

Thank you,
Jodi Durslag

Sent from magic

Tree Policy Comments

From: Dez Mys <email>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 5:49 PM
To: TreePolicy Comments
Subject: Public Comments

1. Striking a balance

The policy states it will "strive to strike a reasonable balance between the protection of privacy, the preservation of views, and the protection and enhancement of mature trees for each property owner". This statement is too nebulous and subjective, so it will lead to unfair and inequitable treatment of residents.

2. Costs

Some of the Tree trimming costs can not be shared with neighbors who share the same desire to trim the same tree. Since legally the city can only charge a fee for the amount of the actual cost incurred, this is questionable. People should be allowed to share all costs and the Parkland committee's efforts should be more streamlined to look holistically at all stakeholders' interests on a tree at the same time.

Does the policy minimize the amount of trimming allowed to just peekaboo views? How long is the view restoration by the trimming expected to last? Does the city perceive it as reasonable that residents need to return annually to request tree trimming to maintain their views? Are restored views then reduced by 50% in 6 months?

Is the cost to trim reasonable or a deterrent? I could not find the cost in the policy to comment...

Does a resident have to pay for a specialist to give tree trimming requirements on the same tree every year or can these instructions be reused?

This also will streamline the Parkland Committee's efforts and Staff's.

3. Main viewing area

The policy focuses on the "main viewing area" in the home. **WHO** decides which view this is? For instance, if you have views on two sides of the house from your main rooms, who decides which side of the house is the "main view". It should be the owner. This has been a problem previously.

Tree Policy Comments

From: monique thorrington <email>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 3:21 PM
To: TreePolicy Comments
Cc: Thorrington Pete
Subject: Public Comments

Thank you for the opportunity for us, as PVE residents, to submit our input in the hope that a new Tree Policy will be developed that is more protective and appreciative of our trees than seems to have been the case to date.

Practical steps such as timely notification by email of pending applications to remove or severely trim City Trees so that we, the residents of PVE, have the opportunity to respond before action is taken and the trees are either removed or severely trimmed... and hopefully our input may be taken into consideration before such applications are granted. Maybe notifying all Neighborhood Watch captains to disseminate the information?..... as many opportunities as possible (in addition to the sign being posted at the applicant's home)

Suggestion too, that SERIOUS penalties be imposed and followed through upon, for undertaking such illegal action as cutting down or severely mutilating a City Tree(s), and that penalties are severe enough to deter any future such actions, the results of which we have been so grieved to see in our neighborhoods. Seeing an erstwhile beautiful tree become a pathetic skinny twig or a bare dusty spot.

I would suggest greater leeway be given to the Urban Forester to dismiss trivial/flimsy reasons to remove/severely prune City trees and for him to advocate for the preservation of the tree rather than accommodate the wish of a home owner to enhance his personal property. Our City trees are precious assets which have taken decades to mature. They are not our personal property but enhance our community neighborhoods and our City.

Looking forward to a more equitable Tree Policy.

With hope and kind regards

Monique and Peter Thorrington

Sent from my iPad

Tree Policy Comments

From: Dan Rey <email>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 2:36 PM
To: TreePolicy Comments
Subject: Public Comments

When a tree is trimmed, it should be completely trimmed. A number of trimmed trees are only half trimmed. The portion over the city street is trimmed, but the portion of the tree over the adjacent property is not. The half trimmed trees look awful and in some cases defeats the purpose of the tree trimming request.

Thanks,

Dan

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