

1 [Resolution Endorsing Tree for Landmark Tree Status at 2626 Vallejo Street]

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3 **Resolution endorsing landmark tree status for the Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus***
4 ***macrocarpa*) tree, located at 2626 Vallejo Street, Assessor's Block 0953, Lot 006.**

5 WHEREAS, Public Works Code, Article 16, Section 810 charges the Urban Forestry
6 Council to examine nominated landmark trees using criteria approved by the Board of
7 Supervisors; and,

8 WHEREAS, the Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) tree located at 2626
9 Vallejo Street fulfills the landmark tree criteria that includes:

10 Size: The tree is a large tree.

11 Character Defining Form: The tree is a beautiful tree.

12 Neighborhood Appreciation: (1) Letters recommending support of landmark tree status
13 were received; (2) there was no stated opposition to landmark status; and (3) the tree was
14 nominated and has the support of the property owner.

15 Prominent Landscape Feature: The tree is a prominent landscape feature in an area of
16 low to moderate tree density.

17 Tree Condition: The tree is in good condition and well maintained.

18 and,

19 WHEREAS, The Monterey Cypress Tree at 2626 Vallejo Street provides social,
20 environmental and economic benefits to the property, neighborhood and city; now, therefore
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, The Urban Forestry Council recommends the Monterey Cypress
23 (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) tree, located at 2626 Vallejo Street, Assessor's Block 0953, Lot 006
24 for landmark tree status to the Board of Supervisors.

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1 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Urban Forestry Council's
2 Regular Meeting on April 22, 2008.

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4 *Monica Fish, Council Secretary*

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6 VOTE: Approved (11-0) (4 Absent)

7 Ayes: Chair Milne, Vice-Chair Quirke, Members Blair, Boss, Cohen, Habert, Miller, Nervo,
8 Rodgers, Sherk and Short

9 Noes: None

10 Absent: Members Griswold, Hillan, Marks and Sustarich

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Report of Findings for the Monterey Cypress on Vallejo Street

The Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council met on Tuesday April 8, 2008 and considered the nomination for Landmark Status of the Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) in the rear property of 2626 Vallejo Street.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend landmark status. The vote was 4-0.

The committee members voting for recommendation, found that the tree met some standards that could merit Landmark Tree Status. These criteria included:

- The tree was a large and beautiful tree
- It is a prominent landscape feature in an area of low to moderate tree density
- The tree was in good condition and well maintained
- The tree was nominated and had the support of the property owner
- There was no stated opposition to landmark status

While there were no individual criterion that was, on its own, significant or unique enough to qualify this tree, in sum the criteria, especially considering the absence of opposition, were deemed sufficient. It is, after all, a big beautiful tree and has the property owner's support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Boss

Chair, Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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Evaluator's name: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: March 19, 2008

Scientific name: *Cupressus macrocarpa*

Common name: Monterrey Cypress

Street address: 2626 Vallejo

Cross streets: Scott

Rare: ___ Rare ___ Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment: Comprise 3.8% of all San Francisco Tree, according the most recent UFORE report

Size: ___ Large ___ Medium ___ Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: approx 50' tall, 40' spread. It's a multi-trunk tree, with two main trunks which split about 10' above the root crown. DBH approx. 5'.

Age: ___ Significantly advanced ___ Not significantly advanced

Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: Tree is quite large. Neighbors claim the tree was the size it currently is in 1960, when they moved into the house next door.

Historical Association: ___ Yes ___ None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Ethnic appreciation: ___ Yes ___ None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

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Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Neighborhood appreciation: ___ Yes None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. **Attach documentation:**

Describe:

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes ___ No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution:

Profiled in a publication or other media: ___ Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

High traffic area: ___ Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe:

Low tree density: ___ Low Moderate ___ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe:

Extends between multiple properties: Yes ___ No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe:

Accessible from public right-of-way: ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe:

Important wildlife habitat: ___ Yes No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

Interdependent group of trees: Yes ___ No

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This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: Possibly. Under the Cypress there are 2 Pitt crassifolium and about a dozen tree ferns.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: Tree is growing in a steeply banked location.

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: It's large enough to have an effect on wind or noise but I don't think it's really close enough to any buildings or loud enough in their area for the tree to do much in this regard.

The tree does have branches which partially hang over adjacent buildings.

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible:

Character-defining form: Yes No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: This tree is frequently pruned to manicure and to reduce the interaction of branches and other structures. The canopy has been somewhat rounded out by this pruning. But the form is still indicative of this species overall.

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe:

Additional comments

It's a beautiful, well cared for tree that appears to be in good health. Tree is well loved by the property owners who are very responsibly maintaining it. It's my opinion that this tree is an excellent candidate for landmark status.

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Evaluator's name: Carolyn Blair

Date of evaluation: April 2, 2008

Scientific name: Cupressus macrocarpa

Common name: Monterey Cypress

Street address: 2626 Vallejo

Cross streets: Scott

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment: The Monterey Cypress was one of the original survivors on the West Coast and helped create the micro climate for other tree species in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: This tree appears to be topped or pruned to reduce its natural crown height.

Age: 40 Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation:

Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation:

Neighborhood appreciation: Yes None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. **Attach documentation:**

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Contributes to multiple backyard neighbors.

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation**

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High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No

High visibility.

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

Interdependent group of trees: Yes No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: This tree is a large species that has been pruned into a pleasing shape for views that adjoining backyard neighbors appreciate.

Character-defining form: Yes No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: This tree has been pruned into an unnatural shape that is still striking, but not of its original form.

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: This tree has been well cared for by a professional arborist and loved by its owner.

Additional comments: Because there are several other Monterey Cypress in this neighborhood that have been allow to grow to their significant natural height and form, I would not say that this is the best example of this species with landmark qualities.

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Evaluator's name: HILLMAN
Date of evaluation: 4-7-08
Scientific name: CUPRESSUS MACROCARPA
Common name: MONT. CYPRESS
Street address: VALERIO ST.
Cross streets: _____

Rare: ___ Rare ___ Uncommon Common ___ Other
Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.
Comment: _____

Size: ___ Large Medium ___ Small
Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.
Comment: _____

Age: ___ Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced
Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).
Comment: _____

Historical Association: ___ Yes None apparent
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.
Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Neighborhood appreciation: Yes None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. **Attach documentation:**

Describe: IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS MAY ENJOY THIS TREE

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: STREET TREES PLENTIFUL AND OF GOOD QUALITY/SIZE. FEW IN BACKYARDS.

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: VISUALY

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Accessible from public right-of-way: ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: ___ Yes ___ No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

POSSIBLE LIMITED.

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Erosion control: ___ Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Prominent landscape feature: Yes ___ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: MAINTAINED

Character-defining form: ___ Yes ___ No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: PRUNING PLAYS WELL ON

NATURAL CHARACTER OF TREE.

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard.

Describe: SUPERB SPECIMEN.

Additional comments

MORE THAN ANYTHING, THIS TREE IS AN EXAMPLE OF SUPERB MAINTENANCE AND ARTFUL PRUNING. IT IS ALSO A FINE EXAMPLE OF CONSIDERATION OF NEIGHBORS, AS THE RESTRICTIONS, THOUGH ARTFULLY APPLIED, CONSIDER THE NEIGHBORS' VIEW.

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Evaluator's name: S. Miranda

Date of evaluation: 4-9-2008

Scientific name: _____

Common name: MONTE. CIPRESSO

Street address: 2026 VALLEJO

Cross streets: 13th

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.

Comment: _____

Size: Large Medium Small

Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: _____

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced

Significantly advanced age for this species (known or estimated).

Comment: _____

Historical Association: Yes None apparent

Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: TREE OF LIFE

Ethnic appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain ethnic groups in neighborhood or city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Neighborhood appreciation: Yes None apparent

Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. **Attach documentation:**

Describe: _____

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received print, internet, and/or video media coverage. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Extends between multiple properties: Yes No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: _____

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Evaluator's name: Mike Bas
Date of evaluation: 4/2/08
Scientific name: Cupressus macrocarpa
Common name: Monterey Cypress
Street address: 2626 Vallejo
Cross streets: Scott

Rare: Rare Uncommon Common Other
Unusual species in San Francisco. Also consider rarity in California, North America, world.
Comment: _____

Size: Large Medium Small
Notable size (height, diameter, canopy width) compared to other trees of the same species.
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Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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Accessible from public right-of-way: ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: ___ Yes ___ No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential). Describe and be as specific as possible.

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes ___ No

This tree forms a supercanopy and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____

Erosion control: Yes ___ No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Prominent landscape feature: Yes ___ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Character-defining form: Yes ___ No

Tree is an example of good form for its particular species.

Describe: _____

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: _____

Additional comments

Recommend Landmark Tree Status,
despite commonness of species + that
there are other large trees in the city

SAN FRANCISCO URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Landmark Tree Nomination Form

Disclaimer: Any information you include on this form will be part of the public record. Anyone may request to see the information you submit for a landmark tree nomination. For more legal information, see the last page of this form.

Who can nominate a landmark tree?

- An authorized nominator is a Supervisor, head of a City department or agency, Planning Commissioner, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member, or property owner.
- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree.
- The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction. City departments and agencies should conduct an internal approval process before nominating a tree.
- A property owner may nominate a tree on his or her property.
- A member of the public may ask an authorized nominator to nominate a tree.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

- Property owner
- Board of Supervisor member
- Head of a city department or agency
- Planning Commission member
- Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board member

Please note that a permit will be required for any future removal of a landmark tree.

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code 810, the Urban Forestry Council requests the following information.

Property owner:

Authorized nominator (Supervisor, Planning Commission, Landmarks Advisory Board, Head of City Department/Agency):

Harriet Heyman & Michael Moritz

Name
2626 VALLEJO St.

Address
San Francisco, CA 94123

Address
440-1555h 218-9235c

Phone (day)
440-7555

Fax #
hh@harrietheyman.

Email
com

Name
[Signature]

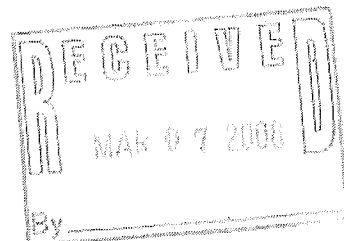
Address

Address

Phone (day)

Fax #

Email



I am the property owner or an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

Harnet Heyman Signature
Feb. 26, 2008 Date

I am the property owner and I grant permission for city staff to evaluate the nominated tree on the property with advance notice.

Harnet Heyman Signature
Feb. 26, 2008 Date

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): Monterey cypress

Number of trees: 1

Street address: 2626 VALLEJO St. / at Scott

Location of Tree: Front yard Rear yard Side yard Corner-side yard
 Public right-of-way Public lands Not sure
 Other: _____

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height 45-50 feet
 Average canopy width¹ 40 feet
 Circumference at chest level² c. 108 inches \approx
 Circumference at ground level³ _____ inches

NB. The tree base is at a level that is difficult to access. The tree is easily 9' in diameter before the crotch.

1 Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

2 Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>

3 Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. Please check the applicable criteria boxes and provide additional information about each component. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

Species

Rare

Size or Age

Greater than typical mature size or age

50 yrs old \Leftarrow

Cultural/Historical Value

- Significant historical or cultural association with person, place, event
 Significant ethnic appreciation
 Neighborhood appreciation of tree
 Part of planting that defines neighborhood character
 Profiled in a publication or other media

Key Location

- High traffic area
 Low tree density area
 Extends between several properties
 Visually accessible from public right-of-way

Ecology

- Important wildlife habitat
- Part of interdependent group of trees
- Erosion control
- Wind or sound barrier

This tree is on the neighborhood 'rounds' of the Telegraph Hill parrots. Holds soil together on steep slope at base of building

Visual characteristic

- Prominent landscape feature
- Character defining form

Tree Condition

Robust + recently pruned

- No apparent problems
- Minor problems
- Major problems
- Extreme problems

Tree Condition

- Root issues
- Mushrooms (trunk or base of tree)
- Trunk wounds or cracks
- Trunk cavities
- Broken or dead branches
- Crowded or crossing branches
- Pest or disease problem
- Previous construction that may have damaged tree

Describe how/why the tree has historical importance due to an association with a building, structure, site, street, person or event.

Describe how/why the tree has cultural, social and/or historical importance.

Describe how/why the tree is a defining or meaningful feature of a neighborhood.

Over keeping the tree healthy and pruned affords both us and our neighbors on Vallejo St. filtered views to the north and east, while providing ~~some~~ wind shelter. It is a particularly magnificent tree and can be seen and appreciated by many neighbors

Describe how/why the tree has ecological value like wildlife habitat and erosion control.

Our house sits on a granite flat that drops away suddenly on the northern end. The Monterey cypress is rooted on a narrow ledge of soil about twenty feet below our garden. It holds soil together on this precipitous slope.

Describe any tree health or structure issues.

James
Urban Forestry 641-2676
ref: 4

If you have any questions about this form, tree terms or tree concepts, please contact the Urban Forestry Council staff (below). It is acceptable if you cannot provide some of the information requested on this form.

A photograph of the tree must be submitted with this form.

Please attach **optional** supporting documents such as letters, arborist report, etc.

Mei Ling
Hui Hui
855-3731

Send to: Attn: Landmark Tree Nomination, 11 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
OR environment@sfgov.org

Any information you submit will be part of the public record.

The Public Records Act defines a "public record" broadly to include "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used or retained by any state or local agency, regardless of the physical form or characteristics." Govt. Code § 6252(e). The Sunshine Ordinance defines "public information" as the content of "public records" as defined in the Public Records Act. Admin Code § 67.20(b). Pursuant to the Public Records Act and Sunshine Ordinance, this document is a public record and will be available to the public upon request, at the hearing site, at the San Francisco Main Library, and on the Urban Forestry Council's website. Admin Code §§ 8.16, 67.7 (b), and 67.21(a).

FOR STAFF USE ONLY	
Application received date _____	Received by _____
Tree evaluation form _____	UFC recommendation date _____
Board of Supervisors Decision _____	
Landmark Tree # _____	
Title recorded date _____	

NORTON LAWN GARDEN AREA VALLEJO CA. 1911. NORTON LAWN GARDEN AREA



N.B. 20-25' of trunk
is obscured by back
garden wall









1. 1 meter in feet





Mei Ling Hui
Urban Forest Coordinator
SF Environment
City and County of San Francisco
11 Grove Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms Hui,

I am writing to support awarding landmark status to the mature Cypress tree at 2626 Vallejo Street in San Francisco.

Our landscape architecture firm was responsible for the landscape design of the property during the recent remodel, and we have become very familiar with this tree. Located at the northeast corner of the site, the tree was overgrown and appeared long-neglected when we first saw it but was stunning even then. It was clearly an irreplaceable asset to the neighborhood due to its large and spreading canopy which provides privacy and screening for neighbors in several directions in an area with fairly few large trees.

Its well-balanced form has since been revealed by expert pruning and care. The tree is an excellent example of the species and provides a sculptural foreground element in views of the city and toward the bay. In our opinion, it is an important component of the city's urban forest, and of the neighborhood landscape, and we hope the city will protect it as a landmark tree.

If we can provide any further information that would be helpful, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Annie Amundsen
Design Associate



Harriet Heyman
<hh@harrietheyman.com>
04/10/2008 11:30 AM

To Mei Ling Hui <meiling.hui@sfgov.org>
cc
bcc
Subject Fwd: Monterey Cypress

Begin forwarded message:

From: Harriet Heyman <hh@harrietheyman.com>
Date: March 21, 2008 10:28:02 AM PDT
To: Chsquared@aol.com
Subject: Re: Monterey Cypress

Dear Cecilia,

Thanks. My message wasn't an oblique fund-raising plea. I just wanted to know if neighbors had any interest in, or stories about, the tree. I applied to the city's "Landmark Tree" commission; they are on the lookout for rare species or ones with historical or community significance. Ours is not rare, and as far as I know, George Washington never slept in it. But if it had been a source of neighbors' pleasure or contention, I wanted to pass that on to the city's tree czars. Happy Easter.

Best,
H

On Mar 21, 2008, at 1:50 AM, Chsquared@aol.com wrote:

We don't have any old photos of the tree, but very much like the way you have thinned and shaped it to provide some light and "see-through" but also highlight is beautiful shape. We still regularly go together with the Flints to pay for tree trimming of trees on the Green Street side to protect our view. While the cypress doesn't materially affect our view, we'd be happy to contribute to trimming it regularly to keep it as lovely as it is. Sorry I can't be more help with photos or stories.
Best, Cecilia

Create a Home Theater Like the Pros. Watch the video on AOL Home.

(
<http://home.aol.com/diy/home-improvement-eric-stromer?video=15?ncid=aolhom00030000000001>)



Aoflint@aol.com
04/08/2008 10:13 AM

To meiling.hui@sfgov.org
cc hh@harrietheyman.com
bcc
Subject Re: Urban Forest Council

To: S.F. City Urban Forest Council

I live two houses west from 2626 Vallejo St. which has a big Monterey Cypress tree in their back yard I understand the current owners have applied to the Urban City Council to consider it for landmark status As I understand it, having landmark status means the tree cannot be cut down without a permit, but may be pruned I recall when that tree was dark and looming, towering at perhaps almost twice its present height The neighbors approached the then owner (a previous owner), who was most amenable. The tree was topped, thinned out and pruned, which made it considerably lighter and also kept it from growing taller. Although the tree blocks (though not entirely) my view of San Francisco Bay from my east facing windows, the way it is pruned I see the Bay through its branches in an attractive way. I am delighted to know that the present owners wish to keep the tree trimmed and maintained as it is now.

Sincerely,

Ayame Flint
2646 Vallejo St.
415-346-8960

Planning your summer road trip? Check out AOL Travel Guides.
(<http://travel.aol.com/travel-guide/united-states?ncid=aoltrv00030000000016>)

Chuck Oakander 3/19/08

Our outfit, Pacific Slope Tree Cooperative, first pruned this Monterey Cypress five years ago, when the owners, Harriet and Michael, were renovating their house. Though the tree needed extensive pruning, we were impressed by how robust it was. We were pleased to find no signs of disease or rot due to substandard cutting in the past.

We did major restructuring of the tree, taking out large wind damaged limbs, and reducing limb length. While we typically see *Seiridium cardinale* (cypress canker) in Monterey Cypresses, this tree seemed to be doing exceptionally well in that its stem and needle vigor was very healthy. The tree starts at the ground as a single trunk and forks into two several feet above. This double trunk is asymmetrical as the down slope trunk is smaller and therefore supporting less of the upper canopy. The union of these two trunks has ample spacing rendering it less vulnerable to structural failure. The tree is well balanced with a good center of gravity. It has a handsome symmetrical crown, a fine shape overall, it frames views, and softens views of surrounding houses. Over the course of five years and two prunings, the owners have paid our cooperative upwards of \$20,000 for tree pruning. I think this speaks to their commitment to the health, aesthetics and safety of the tree. There are fewer and fewer substantial trees in San Francisco. With the onset of diseases such as Pitch Canker, SOD, and Cypress Canker to name a few, I'm finding it harder and harder to find healthy mature trees in the bay area. While Monterey Cypress is not a rare species, it is unusual to see one so healthy, well pruned and well adapted to an urban site.

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04/10/2008 11:35 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marianne Peterson <mhpeterson@pobox.com>
Date: March 19, 2008 9:33:49 PM PDT
To: Harriet Heyman <hh@harrietheyman.com>
Subject: **Re: this and that**

Hi Harriet -- thanks for your nice email and now some answers. First please know that your cypress tree was full-grown when we bought our house in 1960. It was very large (and unruly) then. Mrs. Ambrose Diehl owned the house then, and since she was the chief-of-protocol (Charlotte Maillard's job) at that time, as well as elderly, I can assure you that she spent nothing on maintenance of either the house or the garden. The fact is that I inherited her helper who we called "Big John" and employed for many years. He was a willing worker and inexpensive, but inept! I am sure you know that Marshall Naify spent even less and literally let your house go to rack and ruin and therefore spent NOTHING in the garden. As far as photos of the tree, I am not any help as I took many pictures through the years of our garden in bloom but none of them ever looked up to your property to photograph the cypress. But Dick and I both remember it very clearly from the beginning and agree that it was probably planted by the original builder of your home

Dear Marianne and Dick,

Thank you, Dick, for giving me permission to go in your yard. As it turned out, the arborist did not need to. We lowered a ladder from the garage window, and she was able to inspect the tree. (It's in fine fettle.) I am doing a bit of historical sleuthing about our home: Do you, by any chance, have a photograph of your back garden from when you first moved into your house? I'm searching for a photograph that shows the Monterey Cypress, which would help date the tree. Do you recall any conversations with Marshall Naify about keeping the tree trimmed? I recall a story, perhaps apocryphal, that neighbors chipped in, to encourage him to keep the tree trimmed to preserve neighbor's views. I'll ask the Herberts if they had any discussion with the previous owner about the tree. Thank you for any insights or recollections you care to share.

