



Agenda

***Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)**

Wednesday, December, 2020, 4:30 PM

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Thank you.



***Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

Agenda
Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 4:30 P.M.
Zoom Teleconference

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. ROLL CALL:
AIKENS, COLE, DUHE, HA, HOWZE, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, SMITH, TORRES
3. DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:
 - **October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
 - **November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes**
4. OPEN FORUM
5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:
6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Approve The Friends Of Sausal Creek Coordination With Eagle Scouts To Install Fencing Between Sinawik Trail And Palos Colorado Trail.
 - B. Supplemental Report For Tree Permit Appeal For 1125 Hollywood Avenue
8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:
 - A. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Review The Design, Conditional Use, Tree Removal/Protection And Creek Protection Permit For The Caldecott Trailhead Project Adjacent To The North Oakland Sports Field
9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS
10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:
13. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

TeleConference



***Special Meeting of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission**

**Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 4:30 P.M.
Zoom Teleconference**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL: 4:30 P.M.

**AIKENS, COLE, DUHE, HA, HOWZE, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, SMITH,
TORRES, WOLFSON**

Present – 9: Commissioners Aikens, Cole, Duhe, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore
Smith, Torres, and Wolfson. **Excused -1:** Commissioner Ha.
Absent -1 Commissioner Reilly

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

September 16, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Cole entertained a motion to recommend that PRAC approve the
September 16, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Second
by:** Commissioner Duhe. **Vote:** Yes (8): Aikens, Cole, Duhe, Howze, Kos-Read, Smith,
Moore. and Wolfson. **Abstained:** 1 – Commissioner Torres. **Motion:** Passed.

4. OPEN FORUM

5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tree Permit Appeal for 863 Vermont Street

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed report7A presented by Tod
Lawson, Arboricultural Inspector, Oakland Public Works Tree Division.

On November 18, 2019, the Tree Services Division approved tree removal permit ND19-172 for 863 Vermont Ave. After the property inspection, Tree Services approved the applicant's request for the removal of two black acacia trees and one beefwood tree as requested by the applicant and property owner.

Staff findings cited various structural defects including cracking seams, bark seam bulging, unbalanced canopies, high risk of trunk failure by splitting, dried and splitting stems. And one tree leaning at such an angle as to cause total failure on collapse.

All three trees were recommended for removal under section 12.36.050(A) of the Protected Tree Ordinance.

Applicant:

The applicant asserted that once the trees have been removed, and in keeping with Tree Ordinance 12:36.05(A) requirement to provide drainage, erosion and land stability or windscreen, plans to supplement the area with 5 new trees and 3 to 4 terraces and other vegetation will be installed.

Appellant:

The property owner at 872 Walker Avenue submitted an appeal for Tree permit ND19-172 on November 26, 2019. The appellant cited that both properties are in a landslide area and claimed removal of the trees at the Vernon Avenue address would cause soil erosion and subsequent landslide and considerable damage to the Walker Avenue property located below. It was suggested that young trees would not control soil erosion and must be supplemented. In addition, it was stated that if the trees in question are removed, they must be replaced with mature trees and adequate provisions must be made for drainage. The applicant requested a copy of the drainage plan and that a licensed GEO Tech engineer sign off on the project.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) Tree Committee toured the site in early March

The Commission inquired about nesting birds and learned that the tree removal would not occur during the spring to fall months. The applicant informed the Commission that there was motivation to have the trees removed between November and December 2020. The tree stumps will be retained through spring or until they dry out.

Staff informed the Commission that the City does not remove trees from private property and recommended that the US Wildlife Fish and Game Office be contacted for additional information on the project.

PRAC Tree Committee members agreed with staff findings regarding the declining health of the trees and the possibility of one falling in the sloped area.

Motion: Commissioner Cole entertained a motion to recommend that PRAC agree with the City Tree Division staff assessment to deny the appeal to not remove the trees as cited by the appellant. **Moved by:** Commissioner Moore **Second by:** Commissioner Wolfson. **Vote:** Yes (9): Aikens, Cole, Duhe, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, Smith, Torres and Wolfson. **Motion:** Passed.

B. Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Review, Provide Comments, And Recommend Acceptance Of A Gift From Under Armour, In Partnership With Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation, And Project Delivery Partners Connor Sports, And Oakland Artist Hueman, For The Manzanita Recreation Center Outdoor Basketball Court Project

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed report 7B by Donte Watson, General Recreation Supervisor from Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD).

Staff from OPRYD requested PRAC approved the request to accept the gift to renovate and enhance the aging outdoor basket courts at the Manzanita Recreation. The scope of the project would include cleaning and patching surface cracks, and installing basketball court surface tiles manufactured by Sports Courts.

Jose Corona representing Eat. Learn. Play Foundation

The Eat. Learn. Play Foundation was established by Steph and Ayesha whose goal is to promote childhood food security and to create safe spaces for children to play.

Eat. Learn. Play. and their Under Armour partners collaborated and sponsored other basketball court projects as well as OPRYD's Town Camp summer program. Mr. Corona informed the PRAC that the Foundations looks forward to creating more opportunities to work on with Director Williams. They have identified local artist, Hueman, to provide minimal artwork for the Manzanita project.

The Commission learned that the proposed gift and upgrade to the Manzanita basketball courts is valued at \$49,000.00 and equitability benefits the community as funding for the work in not in the department's budget.

Staff acknowledge that there will be no ongoing maintenance of the courts and that basic grounds work will be performed by Oakland Public Works (OPW) without burden.

The Commission expressed concern that OPRYD's logo is not represented. Eat. Learn. Play. offered willingness to work with the design team in incorporating OPRYD's logo on current and future projects. In addition, the Commission confirmed that because of the City's position, that project logos do not include Chase Bank. Eat. Learn. Play. acknowledged OPRYD's position and that their major brand partners are committed to supporting the work in Oakland. Looking forward to a long partnership with the community and the department.

Motion: Commissioner Cole entertained a motion to recommend that PRAC approve the staff request to accept the gift to renovate the outdoor basketball courts at Manzanita Recreation Center for the Under Armour, in Partnership with Eat. Learn. Play. **Moved by:** Commissioner Aikens. **Second by:** Commissioner Duhe. **Vote:** Yes (7): Aikens, Cole, Duhe, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, and Wolfson. Abstained (2) Commissioners Smith and Torres): Motion: Passed.

C. Information Report and Overview of the 2020 City of Oakland Parks and Recreation Preservation, Litter Reduction, and Homeless Support Act (Measure Q, 2020)

Measure Q Co-Chairs, John Bliss and Brooke Levin, provided the 7C information report for review by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

The Co-Chairs recommended that PRAC evaluate compliance with and provide detailed review and input on three critical elements of Measure Q including: 1) Allocation of Revenue – 64% for parks, 30% for homelessness services, 5% for water quality and 1% toward evaluation and auditing the Measure Q program. 2) Service Deliverables specific to park maintenance, equipment and staffing. 3) Maintenance of Effort allocates 55% of the budget to be used to balance the parks maintenance budget, while 45% may be spent on new or additional landscaping maintenance and recreational services.

Measure Q Co-Chairs announced that Daniel Hamilton from Oakland Public Works (OPW) would be the staff liaison for Measure Q and recommended the PRAC request a presentation from (OPW) in preparation for monitoring Measure Q and the two-year budget due in early spring 2021. The areas suggested to be integrated in the presentation include services related to parks and park assets such as ballfields, facilities, trees, vandalism, repairs, landscaping, clean water and storm water programs.

In addition, it was recommended that PRAC require a monthly update and matrix for hiring to show the progress. Required deliverables cannot be met without new staff.

Regarding financial oversight, Co-Chairs Levin and Bliss recommended the PRAC request a detailed financial and service level analyses from OPW and the Finance department every 6 months for the first 36 months and annually afterward.

To assist with monitoring the Measure Q deliverables and receive community feedback, it was recommended that OPW staff be available at the monthly PRAC meetings.

Motion: Commissioner Cole entertained a motion to recommend that PRAC accept the information report and move forward with the requests from the Measure Q Co-Chairs as cited therein. **Moved by:** Commissioner Cole. **Second by:** Commissioner Kos-Reed. **Vote:** Yes (8): Aikens, Cole, Duhe, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, Smith, and Wolfson. Abstained (1) Commissioner Torres. **Motion:** Passed.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:
9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
11. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:
12. ADJOURNMENT: 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams
J. Nicholas Williams
Secretary

/s/ Diane L. Boyd
Diane L. Boyd
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
TeleConference



***Special Meeting Minutes of the Oakland
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 4:30 P.M.
Zoom Teleconference**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL: 4:31 P.M.

**AIKENS, COLE, DUHE, HA, HOWZE, KOS-READ, MOORE, REILLY, SMITH,
TORRES**

Present – 8: Commissioners Aikens, Ha, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, Smith, Torres.

Excused -1: Commissioner Cole. **In Transit -1:** Commissioner Duhe.

3. DISPOSITON OF MINUTES:

October 14, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes:

Note: Insufficient members were present to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes.

Commissioner Aikens received the following vote: **Yes - 5:** Commissioners Aikens, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore and Smith. **Abstained - 3:** Ha, Reilly, Torres.

The item will be moved to the December agenda for consideration.

4. OPEN FORUM

5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

6. CONSENT NEW BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tree Permit Appeal for 1125 Hollywood Avenue

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed report 7A presented by Tod Lawson, Arboricultural Inspector, Oakland Public Works Tree Division.

On April 3, 2020, Tree Services Division approved tree removal permit ND20- 032 for 1125 Hollywood Avenue. After the property inspection, Tree Services staff approved the applicant's request for the removal of a 42" diameter Canary Island pine tree from the property.

Staff cited structural defects regarding the Canary Island pine including its poor structure due to topping in May 2011. Topping has impacted the natural growth of the tree and has compromised the shape and formation of its limbs and the overall appearance from that of a Christmas tree with larger limbs at the bottom, to a more rounded shape with larger limbs at the top. The compromised limbs grow longer with heavier tips. Because the tree has been cut many times over many years the irregular growth supports the high likelihood of limb failure.

The canopy of the tree covers portions of three properties including 3 backyards, 3 homes, a deck and a patio.

Appellant

Appellants at 1111 Hollywood Avenue asserted that the tree had not been topped prior to the applicant's ownership of the property, and that the applicant did so 5 years prior to their action to appeal the tree removal permit.

Their opposition to removing the tree include the reduction of nesting, foraging and overall habitat for local bird species, and the provisions in the Big Tree Registry initiated by the Quan Administration to prevent unnecessary tree loss.

The appellants asserted there was no evidence of structural failure of the Canary Pine and referenced an arborist's report not provided to Trees Services staff for the presentations of this appeal.

The property owners at 1111 Hollywood Avenue offered to financially support the care of the Canary Island pine located at 1125 Hollywood Avenue.

Applicant

The applicant asserted that she had not topped the tree. That the topping occurred prior to her ownership of the property and that the tree appears the same as it did 11 years ago. The property owner also stated that the tree poses a significant danger to human life, pets and property. She reported that limbs and pine cones drop into the yard, and for 11 years she has been afraid to use a section of the property which has been cordoned off. She also reported that her gardener wears a hard hat for protection from falling pine cones,

which when closed, drop like projectiles from the tree. Evidently, there are too many limbs to be moved manually, and roots are growing in the crawl spaces of the home.

The Appellant's offer to participate with the financial care of the tree was declined. The applicant offered that she was formerly employed by the National Parks Service and cares for the health of trees, and would not opt to remove the tree without cause. The applicant reminded the appellants and the Commission that she holds the liability associated with harm to persons or property.

Staff apprised the Commission that Protected Tree Ordinance does not make provisions for consideration of nesting birds or the Big Tree Registry when determining the removal of a tree. Further, staff informed the Commission that homeowners should consult with the State Fish and Wildlife Office when scheduling a tree removal. Tree Division Staff affirmed that the City's main criteria when approving a tree removal request is to ensure public health and safety relative to the health of the tree. They consider the likelihood of limbs snapping off or the tree failing and what is situated below its canopy.

PRAC Tree Committee members informed the body that as is required, they toured the property with staff and met with the applicant/homeowner.

Commission

PRAC Tree Committee members informed the body that as is required, they toured the property with staff and met with the applicant/homeowner.

Staff confirmed for the Commission that, the Big Tree Registry is a platform where the community can enter a tree of interest and that the venue is not relied on when determining removal of a tree, a tree cannot be removed until all nesting has ended and proper notice was made to those associated with the permit appeal including adjacent property owners.

The Commission confirmed with staff that the tree is not structurally sound and is growing backward.

Before rendering a vote on the item, PRAC requested staff report back in December with the findings from the appellant's arborist.

Motion: Commissioner Aikens entertained a motion to recommend that PRAC hold the vote on item 7A until the December meeting, and at the time receive and review the arborist report prepared on behalf of the appellant. **Moved by:** Commissioner Ha. **Second by:** Commissioner Moore. **Vote: Yes - (7):** Aikens, Ha, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, Smith, Torres. **Abstained (2):** – Commissioners Duhe and Howze. **Motion:** Passed.

Note: Commissioner Duhe arrived before the vote on Item 7A.

B. Request For Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Approve Leasing Of Lowell Park For SquashDrive

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission reviewed report 7B presented by Myka Hammock, Recreation Supervisor, Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development.

In partnership with Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development (OPRYD), SquashDrive representatives requested approval to conduct a feasibility study to build 2-4 portable outdoor squash courts at Lowell Park in West Oakland.

Squash is a two-person sport played with a racket and rubber balls in a four-wall setting. The proposed court will be used for the SquashDrive program currently serving 80 black and brown Oakland youth including 4th-12th graders and college students. Sixteen of these players are ranked nationally. Squash is considered a healthy, fun, low cost sport with little equipment needed. SquashDrive will work with OPRYD and Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to introduce the health and fitness program to the community.

SquashDrive's mission is to foster an environment where program participants have the opportunity to thrive through their academic pursuits and character development. The organization supports students high school, post-secondary education and further. Berkeley Maynard Academy is SquashDrive's primary partner.

Full funding for the program will be raised by the SquashDrive board, consisting of mostly squash players, and its community donors. SquashDrive will maintain the courts. Squash Drive does not anticipate OPRYD incurring costs for the program.

Director

Great amenity to the Lowell Park community. The addition will complement the recently installed Outdoor Fitness amenity.

The department will work with SquashDrive to develop program specifics including, program schedule, OPRYD and community access. Staff and program representatives will report back.

Commission

The Commission responded favorably to the concept of SquashDrive and its possible addition to the Oakland community. Commission members expressed appreciation for the health benefits, diversity of the program participants, as well as the social and educational aspects it offers youth.

Motion: Commissioner Aikens entertained a motion to recommend that PRAC approve the staff request to allow SquashDrive to install a temporary squash court structure at Lowell Park and conduct a feasibility study and community engagement event to explore building a permanent structure. **Moved by:** Commissioner Kos-Read. **Second by:** Commissioner Torres. **Vote: Yes** – (9): Aikens, Duhe, Ha, Howze, Kos-Read, Moore, Reilly, Smith, Torres. **Motion:** Passed.

8. PLANNING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

9. MEASURE Q: OVERSIGHT/UPDATES/REPORTS

Brooke Levin, Co-Chair Measure Q

- Oakland Public Works (OPW) is working to schedule a required presentation to the PRAC.

10. COMMITTEE AND/OR ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Tree Committee – Commissioner Wolfson’s position on the PRAC expired in November leaving a seat on the Tree Committee vacant.
- After a discussion between Commissioner’s Kos-Read and Aikens, Commissioner Aikens agreed to join the Committee with Commissioners Moore and Ha.
- Topics/Comments for future discussion:
 - Equitable climate change – shade is an amenity.
 - To OPW - What is the current assessment of Oakland’s tree canopy?
 - To OPW - How can PRAC comment? What is PRAC’s role?

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Commissioner Kos-Read
 - The Lake Merritt community met to discuss improving conditions and conducting community engagement.
 - Volunteers are needed for District 2
- Commissioner Aikens
 - Lake Merritt vendors are interested in what will happen with the program during the winter months?

12. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM:

13. ADJOURNMENT: 5:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. Nicholas Williams

J. Nicholas Williams
Secretary

/s/ Diane L. Boyd

Diane L. Boyd
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

TeleConference



**CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks & Recreation**

TO: Amy Cole, Acting Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Karis Griffin, Recreation Supervisor, Specialty Arts, Culture Science and Nature
DATE: November 23, 2020
**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FRIENDS OF SAUSAL CREEK IN
COORDINATION WITH EAGLE SCOUTS TO INSTALL FENCING
BETWEEN SINAWIK TRAIL AND PALOS COLORADO TRAIL**

SUMMARY

Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development (OPRYD) has received a request from the Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC), a proposal to support an Eagle Scout project, to construct split rail fencing to protect the Palo Seco Creek, due to an unauthorized trail that has developed causing erosion and debris to get into the creek. The rebuilding of the fence will prevent erosion and protect the watershed. The timeline for installation will be based on weekly/daily CDC recommendations for small pods. A COVID plan has been included with this report.

FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated total costs for fencing supplies are approximately \$500.00. Eagle Scout candidate Will Davies will raise the funds for project materials. FOSC and the Scouts of America will support the workday by providing guidance and tools. Construction will be completed by a volunteer team coordinated by the Eagle Scout candidate. This project will be overseen by Deidre Martin, on behalf of Oakland Public Works.

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

See Attachment A for a map of the proposed fencing location. The total length of fencing to be installed is 100 feet.

There was a fence previously installed at the Palo Seco Creek area. FOSC started restoration efforts at the Monterey redwoods site in 2003 as part of a program to establish restoration projects in major plant community. 70 feet fencing will be installed on the Palos Colorado side of the trail and 30 feet on the Sinawik side of the trail.

FOSC staff will meet with the Eagle Scout candidate to demark the fencing route and will provide support for project coordination. The Eagle Scout will be responsible for procuring the fencing materials and coordinating the volunteers. The Scout crew will consist of approximately four youth volunteers with adult supervision at all times. It is estimated that construction will take place over two to three weekends.

Fencing will consist of posts with one cross tie. Wire mesh will be stapled on to the posts and rails. Gravel will be used in the post holes. The fencing design is modeled after the split rail fencing for the Monterey Redwoods section of the Bridgeview Trail approved by PRAC on April 12, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approve the Friends of Sausal Creek and Eagle Scouts installation of fencing at Palos Colorado Trail and Sinawik Trail.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Karis Griffin (Signature)

Prepared by:

Karis Griffin

Recreation Supervisor

_____ (Signature)

Approved by:

Name: Nicholas Williams

Title: Director

Attachments: Exhibit A – Eagle Scout Power Point to include Work Plan by Will Davies
Exhibit B – FOSC Request Letter
Exhibit C – COVID PLAN

Eagle Scout Project Proposal

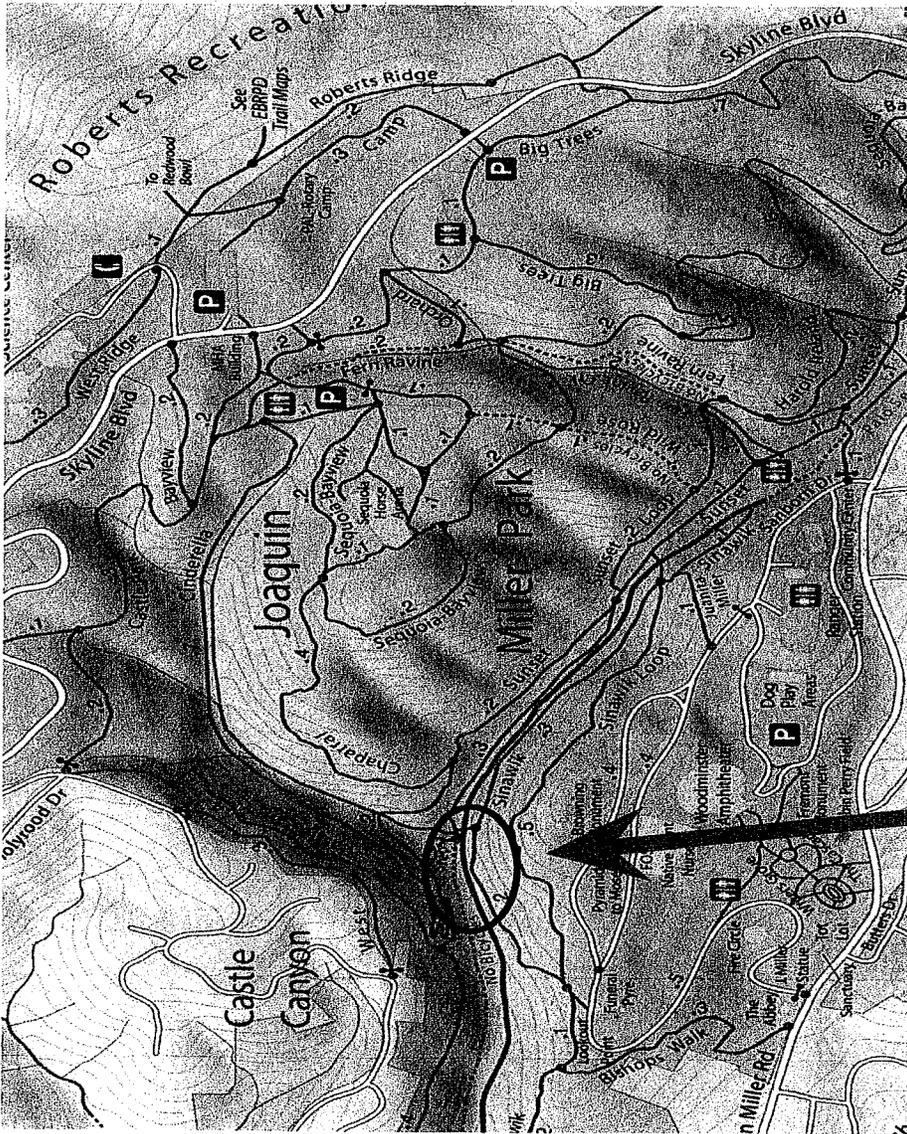
Will Davies

Introduction

Hello, my name is Will Davies. I am a Life Scout in Piedmont Troop 11 and I'm looking for an Eagle Scout project. Because I am a mountain biker, I spend a lot of time in Joaquin Miller Park and I have been working with FOSC on my project. I know that mountain biking contributes to erosion and damage to the watershed, so I would like to do what I can to restore and protect the trails and creek systems.

WILL DAVIES
LIFE SCOUT
PIEDMONT TROOP 11
FOSC

- People have been crossing the creek at an unmarked location between Sinawik Trail and Palos Colorados Trail. There once was a fence along Sinawik Trail to prevent crossing. Without it, people are crossing regularly and causing erosion.



Proposed project area

There are two views of the erosion site off the Sinawik trail as seen from the creek. Without a fence, it almost looks like a trail itself. I have seen multiple people crossing the creek here even though there is a bridge just a couple hundred yards upstream.



Here's a view of the Palos
Colorados side from the sinawik
trail. That side is also getting
eroded. Because this unofficial
crossing is getting more and
more established, it's important to
fence both sides.



Another view of the crossing from the Palos Colorados side.

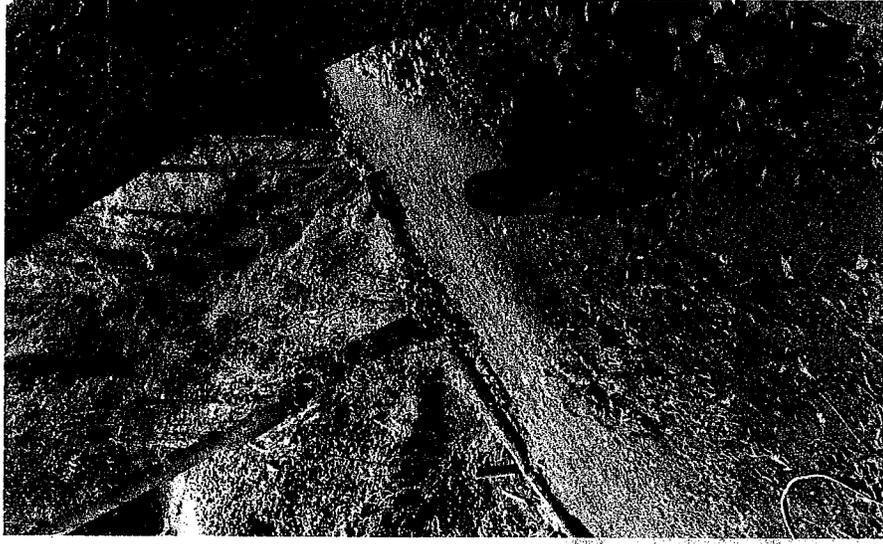
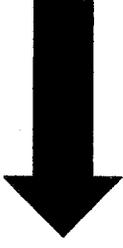


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From rough measurements, I will need to build 70 ft of fencing along the Palos Colorados side and a 30 ft section along the Sinawik side.

FOSC will provide signs for the fences, which will explain the importance of preventing erosion and protecting the watershed.

Palos Colorados
Side



Work Plan

Financing and Materials

I am covering 100% of the costs of materials through fundraising.

Work

The work will be done over two to three days. Volunteer scouts will work with their parents. Family units will maintain distance from each other and everyone will be wearing a mask. We will take guidance from the Park supervisor on how to control trail traffic and how to best maintain a safe distance from other trail users.

I will provide extra masks and hand sanitizer.

COVID PLAN

- All work will be done in accordance with county guidance for cohort safety.* [* https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/small-groups-child-youth.aspx)
- The work will be done over 2 days by teams of volunteers, no more than 12 people per shift (including myself. There will be two 3-hour work segments each day with a 1-hour break in between. Volunteers may choose to work one or both shifts in a day. I hope to work in the last week of December, 2020 with Kevin Charles as the attending OPW supervisor.
First shift hours: 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 pm
Second shift hours: 1:00 pm -- 4:00 p.m.
- Volunteers will be required to bring their own food and water, however I will supply back up single-use water bottles for those who need extra. While eating, volunteers will be required to be seated more than six feet away from one another.
- There is a bathroom in the meadow above the work site in walkable distance. I anticipate that most will not need a bathroom break, given that the majority of volunteers will only work 3 hours in one day.
- Volunteers will be required to bring their own masks and work gloves, however I will provide back up unused masks and work gloves
- Volunteers will affirm that they have no COVID-19 Symptoms or known exposures in the past two weeks prior to starting each shift.
- I will supply everyone with hand sanitizer at the work site.
- The main work will be digging the post holes. Shovels and post hole diggers will be provided by FOSC. Prior to each shift, the tools will be sanitized with wipes.
- Teams of two or more family members will maintain a minimum 15 feet of distance while digging. Tools will not be shared other than within the small family teams.
- My mother is a public health nurse and will supervise COVID safety measures.



Friends of Sausal Creek

PROMOTING WATERSHED AWARENESS

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501(c)(3) non-profit organization*

November 24, 2020

Oakland Parks, Recreation and Youth Development
250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3330
Oakland, CA 94612

Attention: Karis Griffin

Re: Request to work with Eagle Scout candidate to build split rail fencing along
Sinawik trail

Dear Karis,

The Friends of Sausal Creek seeks approval to work with an Eagle Scout
candidate to construct split rail fencing to protect the slope; thus controlling
erosion and sedimentation in the creek. Park Service Kevin Charles and Friends of
Sausal Creek will provide oversight of the fencing.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Anna Marie Schmidt
Executive Director

EXHIBIT B



CITY OF OAKLAND

TO: Amy Cole, Acting Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC)
FROM: David Ferguson, Interim Director, Public Works Agency
DATE: November 23, 2020
SUBJECT: Supplemental Report For Tree Permit Appeal For 1125 Hollywood Ave.

The following report is prepared for the PRAC's consideration.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

This report supplements Report 7A titled Tree Permit Appeal for 1125 Hollywood Ave. dated and presented by the Tree Services Division to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) on November 18, 2020.

Tree Services staff was tasked with circulating a 3rd party arborist report, submitted by a consulting arborist who was hired by Laura Wolff, an appellant to the 1125 Hollywood Ave. tree removal permit. The PRAC's requested the information for review and consideration before making a decision on the tree permit appeal in question.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Agency recommends that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission:

- Deny the appeal by John Kenny & Robin Mogavero of 1131 Hollywood Ave. and Laura & Steve Wolff of 1111 Hollywood Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by:
Tod Lawsen
Arboricultural Inspector

___/s/ David Moore (for David Ferguson)

Approved by:
David Ferguson
Interim Director

For questions please contact David Moore, Senior Forester, at 510-615-5852

ATTACHMENTS

A – November 18, 2020 PRAC Tree Appeal Report Item 7A – 1125 Hollywood Ave.
B- Canary Island Pine Tree Inspection – Paul Rudy Consulting Arborist



—CITY OF OAKLAND—

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

TO: Amy Cole, Acting Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: David Ferguson, Interim Director, Public Works Agency
DATE: November 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Tree Permit Appeal for 1125 Hollywood Ave.

The following report is prepared for the PRAC's consideration.

SUMMARY

On April 3, 2020, the Tree Services Division made a decision for tree removal permit ND20-032 (**Attachment A**) for 1125 Hollywood Ave. The Applicant (Charlotte Hennessy) wanted to remove a 42" diameter at breast height (DBH) Canary Island pine tree on her property. After inspection, Tree Services approved the removal of the tree.

The Appellants (John Kenny, Robin Mogavero, Laura Wolff, Steve Wolff) appealed the tree permit decision on April 6, 2020 (**Attachments B & C**). On the appeal claim forms the appellants have stated 3 reasons why the tree should not be removed. 1) All birds use this tree to move throughout the neighborhood and in particular the Great Horned Owl, that they have stated, use this tree for foraging and courting. They continue to explain that if the tree was removed the birds would go missing from the neighborhood. 2) Mayor Jean Quan initiated the registry as a way to prevent unnecessary tree loss. 3) The appellants claim that every tree is flawed, and the applicant is the one who topped the tree 5 years ago. The PRAC is the hearing body for non-development tree removal permit appeals, per Chapter 12.36.110 of the Oakland Municipal Code (OMC), the Protected Trees Ordinance (PTO).

BACKGROUND

On March 6, 2020 Tree Services received a non-development tree removal application ND20-032 for 1125 Hollywood Ave. (**Attachment D**). The applicant and property owner is Charlotte Hennessy. She requested the removal of the Canary Island pine on the grounds of: (a) The large cones fall from the tree and are a danger to her and her guests. (b) The tree is a fire hazard. (c) At the time of the inspection she verbally said that she had concerns of limbs falling and her liability. On April 3, 2020 Tree Services approved tree permit ND20-032 on the basis that the tree has poor structure from being repeatedly topped and over thinned. Section 12.36050(A) of the Protected Trees Ordinance states a tree can be removed to insure the public health and safety as it relates to the health of the tree, potential hazard to life or property, proximity to existing or proposed structures, or interference with utilities or sewers.

Tree permit ND20-032 was appealed on April 6, 2020 by John Kenny & Robin Mogavero, the property owners of 1131 Hollywood Ave. and Laura & Steve Wolff the property owners at 1111 Hollywood Ave. The appellants have stated 3 claims as grounds for appeal. a) If the Canary Island pine tree is removed, there will be no nesting raptors in the trees in our neighborhood. Great Horned Owls, which have expanded into the upper Glenview neighborhood in the last 2 years, use this tree for foraging and courting. Many birds need this tree. This hilltop is a beacon for birds moving through the hills. This is how they move - from canopy to canopy like island hopping above the streets - If this tree were lost then they would go missing from the neighborhood. B) Mayor Jean Quan initiated the registry as a way to prevent unnecessary tree loss. C) Every tree is flawed - but comments from inspector regarding “the tree has poor structure from being topped”. This tree (NEVER) topped until Charlotte Hennessy, owner of 1125 instructed her tree trimmers 5-years ago to top the tree, for over 15 years prior to Charlotte Hennessy moving into 1125 Hollywood, all 3 trees were NEVER topped.

DISCUSSION

Tree Services approved the removals of tree removal permit application ND20-032 on April 3, 2020. City staff determined that the tree has poor structure from topping and over thinning (lions tailing) that causes the lateral limbs to have poor taper with weighted tips. See detailed account listed below of staff findings:

Tree (#1) (**Attachment E**), is a 42” DBH Canary Island pine located in the backyard at 1125 Hollywood Ave. The tree has poor structure from topping and over thinning (lions tailing) that causes the lateral limbs to have poor taper with weighted tips. Topping a tree significantly changes how a tree grows and reacts in wind loading events. This is especially true with single stem conifer trees. First there is a heading cut that is hard for the tree to callus over. The wound area is exposed deadwood that is susceptible to fungal decay. Second, topping redirects the growth to the lateral limbs causing them to grow unnaturally long. Third, over thinning (lions tailing) is the practice of removing all the interior secondary limbs creating a tree that looks like an umbrella. This compounds the problem by leaving the only active buds on the tree at the end of the limbs. The secondary limbs in the interior of the tree provide much needed carbohydrates to the main lateral limbs so they can increase their diameter, known as taper. Over thinning, (lions tailing) is commonly done in the tree industry because this type of pruning appeals to many home owners and is easier on the contractor. Fourth, the lateral limbs have been headed back which create more irregular growth. Canary Island pines should look like a Christmas tree with the smallest limbs at the top of the tree and the largest limbs at the bottom of the tree. See (**Attachment F, G**) photos of good structure of Canary Island pines. The tree at 1125 Hollywood Ave. is round in shape with the largest diameter limbs at the top of the tree. (**Attachment H**). This tree has been cut many times for many years causing poor structure with a high likelihood of limb failure. The canopy of the tree is over 3 backyards, 3 homes, a deck and a patio. (**Attachment I**) The tree is recommended for removal under section 12.36.050(A)1 of the Protected Trees Ordinance.

The Appellants, John Kenny, Robin Mogavero, Laura Wolff, and Steve Wolff have stated 3 reasons why the tree should not be removed.

1) If the Canary Island pine tree is removed, there will be no nesting raptors in the trees in our neighborhood. Great Horned Owls, which have expanded into the upper Glenview neighborhood in the last 2 years, use this tree for foraging and courting. Many birds need this tree. This hilltop is a beacon for birds moving through the hills. This is how they move - from canopy to canopy like island hopping above the streets - If this tree were lost then they would go missing would go missing from the neighborhood.

Tree Services Response – The Protected Trees Ordinance does not have a section pertaining to birds. Therefore, the City of Oakland Tree Services cannot consider birds as a reason to approve or preserve a tree for removal.

2) Mayor Jean Quan initiated the registry as a way to prevent unnecessary tree loss.

Tree Services Response – The Protected Trees Ordinance does not have a section pertaining to the Big Trees Registry. Therefore, the City of Oakland Tree Services cannot consider the Big Trees Registry as a reason to approve or preserve a tree for removal.

3) Every tree is flawed - but comments from inspector regarding “the tree has poor structure from being topped”. This tree (NEVER) topped until Charlotte Hennessy, owner of 1125 instructed her tree trimmers 5-years ago to top the tree, for over 15 years prior to Charlotte Hennessy moving into 1125 Hollywood, all 3 trees were NEVER topped.

Tree Services Response – When the City of Oakland Tree Services received a tree removal permit application, staff evaluate each tree that is proposed for removal and make judgements of the condition of each tree. This includes field observations and measurements as well as referencing historical imagery. According to Google Maps Street View History dated May 2011, the tree was already topped at this time. (Attachment J) It is unclear as to the specific date the tree was topped. This type of punning (topping) over a long period of time negatively and permanently changes the structure of the tree.

Chapter 12.36.110(C) of the OMC states, “In considering the appeal, the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission shall determine whether the proposed tree removal conforms to the applicable criteria. It may sustain the decision of the Public Works Agency or require such changes or impose such reasonable conditions of approval as are, in its judgment, necessary to ensure conformity to said criteria.”

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Agency recommends that the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission:

- Deny the appeal by John Kenny & Robin Mogavero of 1131 Hollywood Ave. and Laura & Steve Wolff of 1111 Hollywood Ave.

Respectfully submitted,



Prepared by:
Tod Lawsen
Arboricultural Inspector



Approved by:
David Ferguson
Interim Director

For questions please contact David Moore, Senior Forester, at 510-615-5852

ATTACHMENTS

- A – Tree removal Permit Decision, ND20-032
- B – Tree Appeal Claim Form dated April 6, 2020 From John Kenny, Robin Mogavero
- C – Tree Appeal Claim Form dated April 6, 2020 From Laura Wolff, Steve Wolff
- D – Non-development tree removal application for 1125 Hollywood Ave.
- E – Photo of tree (#1) a 42" DBH Canary Island pine tree
- F – Photo of a Canary Island pine tree with good structure
- G – Photo of 2 Canary Island pine trees with good structure
- H – Photo of the tree at 1125 Hollywood Ave showing the upper canopy limb structure.
- I – Photo of the canopy spread extending over neighboring properties.
- J – Photo from May 2011, Google History, showing that the tree was topped at that time.

TREE PERMIT DECISION

City of Oakland, Public Works Agency
 Tree Services Division, 7101 Edgewater Drive, Oakland, CA 94621, (510) 615-5934
 Chapter 12.36, Oakland Municipal Code, Protected Trees Ordinance

Permit # ND20-032
Address: 1125 Hollywood Ave.
Expires: One year from date of issuance

Decision: 4/3/20
Applicant: Charlotte Hennessy
Permit Type: Non Development

Removal Approved		Preservation Required		Replacement Tree Required	In Lieu Fee-\$619 per tree
Tree Quantity	Identified As	Tree Quantity	Identified As		
1	Canary Island Pine 42" DBH				

SITE INSPECTION / FINDINGS

There is a 42" diameter at breast height (DBH) Canary Island pine growing in the backyard at 1125 Hollywood Ave. The tree has poor structure from being topped. The lateral limbs are long with poor taper. Half of the canopy is over the neighbor's backyard patio. The tree is approved for removal.

PERMIT REVIEW – FINDINGS 12.36.050(A)

The applicant's request accomplished the following objective(s):

- 1. Insured the public health and safety as it related to the health of the tree, potential hazard to life or property, proximity to existing or proposed structures, or interference with utilities or sewers.
- 2. Avoided an unconstitutional regulatory taking of property.
- 3. Took reasonable advantage of views, including such measures mandated by the resolution of a view claim in accordance with the view preservation ordinance (Chapter 15.52 of the Oakland Municipal Code).
- 4. Pursued accepted, professional practices of forestry or landscape design. Submission of a landscape plan acceptable to the Director of Public Works shall constitute compliance with this criterion.
- 5. Implemented the vegetation management prescriptions in the S-11 site development review zone.
- None of the objectives above were accomplished by the proposed removal(s).*

PERMIT REVIEW – FINDINGS 12.36.050(B)

Any one of the following situations was grounds for permit denial, regardless of the findings in section (A) above:

- 1a. Removal could be avoided by reasonable redesign of the site plan, prior to construction.
- 1b. Removal could be avoided by trimming, thinning, tree surgery or other reasonable treatment.
- 2. Adequate provisions for drainage, erosion control, land stability or windscreen were not made.
- 3. The tree(s) were a member of a group of trees in which each tree was dependent upon the others for survival.

There were no grounds to deny the permit based on criteria listed in OMC 12.36.050(B)

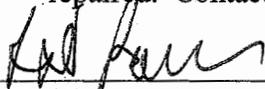
OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.36.060 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The following conditions were imposed. Conditions #11 - #13 were imposed if they were check marked:

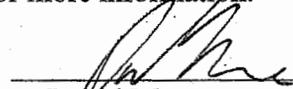
1. **Defense, Indemnification and Hold Harmless.** To the maximum extent permitted by law, the applicant and its contractor shall defend (with counsel acceptable to the City), indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Oakland, the Oakland City Council, the Oakland Public Works Agency and its respective agents, officers, employees and volunteers (hereafter collectively called City) from any liability, damages, claim, judgment, loss (direct or indirect), action, causes of action or proceeding (including legal costs, attorneys' fees, expert witness or consultant fees, City Attorney or staff time, expenses or costs) (collectively called "Action") against the City for or on account of any damage to property or bodily injury, including death, or damage sustained or arising out of, related to or caused by in any way from the performance of work in this tree permit matter. The City may elect, in its sole discretion, to participate in the defense of said Action and the applicant shall reimburse the City for its reasonable legal costs and attorneys' fees.
2. **Defense, Indemnification and Hold Harmless.** To the maximum extent permitted by law, the applicant shall defend (with counsel acceptable to the City), indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Oakland, the Oakland City Council, the Oakland Public Works Agency and its respective agents, officers, employees and volunteers (hereafter collectively called City) from any liability, damages, claim, judgment, loss (direct or indirect), action, causes of action or proceeding (including legal costs, attorneys' fees, expert witness or consultant fees, City Attorney or staff time, expenses or costs) (collectively called "Action") against the City to attack, set aside, void or annul, (a) an approval by the City relating to this tree permit matter, City's CEQA approvals and determination, and/or notices in the tree permit matter; or (b) implementation of such. The City may elect, in its sole discretion, to participate in the defense of said Action and the applicant shall reimburse the City for its reasonable legal costs and attorneys' fees.
3. **Letter of Agreement.** Within ten (10) calendar days of the filing of any Action as specified in conditions 1 or 2 above, the applicant and/or its contractor shall execute a Letter of Agreement with the City, acceptable to the Office of the City Attorney, which memorializes the above obligations. These obligations and the Letter of Agreement shall survive termination, extinguishment or invalidation of the approval. Failure to timely execute the Letter of Agreement does not relieve the applicant of any of the obligations contained in this Section or any other requirements or conditions of approval that may be imposed by the City.
4. **Debris.** All debris created as a result of any tree removal work shall be removed from the property by the applicant within two weeks of debris creation, and such debris shall be properly disposed of by the applicant in accordance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.
5. **Hazards.** The removal of extremely hazardous, diseased, and/or dead trees shall be required where such trees have been identified by the City Arborist.
6. **Insurance.** Workers compensation, public liability, and property damage insurance shall be provided by any person(s) performing tree removal work authorized by a tree removal permit.
7. **Nesting Birds.** To the extent feasible, removal of any tree and/or other vegetation suitable for nesting of raptors shall not occur during the breeding season of March 15 and August 15. If tree removal must occur during the breeding season, all sites shall be surveyed by a qualified biologist to verify the presence or absence of nesting raptors or other birds. Pre-removal surveys shall be conducted within 15 days prior to start of work from March 15 through May 31, and within 30 days prior to the start of work from June 1 through August 15. The pre-removal surveys shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Division and the Tree Services Division of the Public Works Agency. If the survey indicates the potential presences of nesting raptors or other birds, the biologist shall determine an appropriately sized buffer around the nest in which no work will be allowed until the young have successfully fledged. The size of the nest buffer will be determined by the biologist in consultation with the CDFG, and will be

based to a large extent on the nesting species and its sensitivity to disturbance. In general, buffer sizes of 200 feet for raptors and 50 feet for other birds should suffice to prevent disturbance to birds nesting in the urban environment, but these buffers may be increased or decreased, as appropriate, depending on the bird species and the level of disturbance anticipated near the nest.

- 8. **Permit.** Tree removal, as defined in the Protected Trees Ordinance, Section 12.36.020 of the Oakland Municipal Code, may not start unless and until the applicant has received this permit from Tree Services.
- 9. **Posting.** The applicant shall post a copy of the tree removal permit in plain view on site while tree removal work is underway.
- 10. **Tree Damage.** If any damage to a protected tree should occur during or as a result of work on the site, the applicant shall immediately notify the Tree Services Division of such damage. If, in the professional opinion of the City Arborist, such tree cannot be preserved in a healthy state, the Arborist shall require replacement of any tree removed with another tree or trees on the same site deemed adequate by the Arborist to compensate for the loss of the tree that is removed.
- 11. **In Lieu Fee.** If replacement trees are required, but cannot be planted due to site constraints, an in lieu fee as determined by the City’s master fee schedule may be substituted for required replacement plantings. The permit is valid and issued only after payment is received by Tree Services.
- 12. **Replacement Trees.** The property owner shall plant ____ replacement trees on the property. The replacement trees shall be excellent quality nursery stock and maintained by the applicant until established. Any replacement planting which fails to become established within one year of installation shall be replanted at the applicant’s expense. Plantings shall be installed within 30 days of tree removal. A photograph of the replacement trees, installed in the landscape of the property, shall be mailed or emailed to Tree Services within one week of the replacement trees being installed.
 - a. The minimum size replacement tree shall be a twenty-four (24) inch box, except that three, fifteen (15) gallon size trees may be substituted for each twenty-four (24) inch box size tree where appropriate, if approved by the City Arborist.
 - b. Replacement tree species shall consist of *Sequoia sempervirens* (coast redwood), *Quercus agrifolia* (coast live oak), *Arbutus menziesii* (madrone, *Arbutus ‘Marina’* can be substituted), *Aesculus californica* (California buckeye) or *Umbellularia californica* (California bay laurel).
- 13. **Sidewalks.** The damaged sidewalk shall be repaired in compliance with the rules and regulations of the City of Oakland. A sidewalk repair permit is required if more than 25 square feet of sidewalk will be repaired. Contact the Sidewalk Division at 238-3499 for more information.

 4/3/20

 Tod Lawsen Date
 Arboricultural Inspector
 Certified Arborist ® WE-6321A
 ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

 4-3-20

 David Moore Date
 Senior Forester
 Certified Arborist ® NY-5626A
 ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

**This decision of the Public Works Agency, Tree Services Section, may be appealed by the applicant, or the owner of any “adjoining” or “confronting” property, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission within five (5) working days after the date of this decision and by 3:30 p.m., otherwise the permit is effective. The term “adjoining” means immediately next to, and the term “confronting” means in front of or in back of. An appeal shall be on a form prescribed by and filed with Tree Services, at 7101 Edgewater Drive, Building #4. The appeal shall state specifically wherein it is claimed there was error or abuse of discretion by the City or wherein such decision is not supported by the evidence in the record. There is a \$618.90 fee to file an appeal. Failure to timely appeal this decision and raise any and all issues in your appeal may preclude you from challenging this determination in court. If the appeal is not finally disposed of by the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission within thirty (30) working days of the date of the decision by the Tree Services Section, the decision shall be deemed affirmed, and the permit appeal denied.*

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
PROTECTED TREE APPEAL CLAIM FORM FOR NON DEVELOPMENT TREES
(Oakland Municipal Code Section 12.36.110)

1. Date: 04/06/2020
2. Appellant's Name: John Kenny & Robin Mogavero
3. Appellant's Address: 1131 Hollywood Avenue
City, State & Zip: Oakland, CA 94602
4. Address of Tree(s) Removal: 1125 Hollywood Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602
5. Date of City Staff Decision: 04/06/2020

Statement of why there was either error or abuse of discretion by city staff or why the city staff decision is not supported by the evidence in the record (attach any additional pages if needed): If the Canary Island Pine tree is removed, there will be no nesting raptors in the trees in our neighborhood. Great Horned Owls, which have expanded into the upper Glenview neighborhood in the last two years, use this tree for foraging and courting. Many birds need this tree. This hilltop is a beacon for birds moving through the hills. This is how they move- from tree canopy to canopy like island hopping above the streets - If this tree were lost then they would go missing from the neighborhood.

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am the owner of:

- The real property described in (4) above, or
 Real property adjoining and/or confronting the real property described in (4) above.

Signature: John Kenny Robin Mogavero
Date: 04/06/2020

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY
PROTECTED TREE APPEAL CLAIM FORM FOR NON DEVELOPMENT TREES
(Oakland Municipal Code Section 12.36.110)

1. Date: 04/06/2020
2. Appellant's Name: Laura Wolff & Steve Wolff
3. Appellant's Address: 1111 Hollywood Avenue

City, State & Zip: Oakland, CA 94602

4. Address of Tree(s) Removal: 1125 Hollywood Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602
5. Date of City Staff Decision: 04/06/2020

Statement of why there was either error or abuse of discretion by city staff or why the city staff decision is not supported by the evidence in the record (attach any additional pages if needed): If the Canary Island Pine tree is removed, there will be no nesting raptors in the trees in our neighborhood. Great Horned Owls, which have expanded into the upper Glenview neighborhood in the last two years, use this tree for foraging and courting. Many birds need this tree. This hilltop is a beacon for birds moving through the hills. This is how they move- from tree canopy to canopy like island hopping above the streets - If this tree were lost then they would go missing from the neighborhood.

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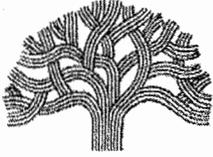
Real property adjoining and/or confronting the real property described in (4) above.

Signature: Laura and Steve Wolff

Date: 04/06/2020

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CITY OF OAKLAND
TREE DIVISION - BLDG 4
7101 EDGEWATER DRIVE
OAKLAND, CA 94621

Permit # NO20-032

PLEASE CALL (510) 615-5934 FOR AN APPOINTMENT
BUSINESS HOURS Monday - Friday 8:00am - 3:30pm

**TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION
NON-DEVELOPMENT RELATED**

Application is hereby made pursuant to the Tree Preservation Ordinance,
Chapter 12.36, of the Oakland Municipal Code

#1108964

- ❖ One or more trees 9 inches or greater in diameter at breast height.
- ❖ One or more Coast Live Oak trees, 4 inches or greater in diameter at breast height.
- ❖ Eucalyptus and Monterey Pine trees are exempt.

NAME OF APPLICANT Charlotte Hennessy
LOCATION OF PROPERTY 1125 Hollywood Ave. Oakland 94602

DESCRIPTION OF TREE(S) PROPOSED FOR REMOVAL (quantity, species and diameter)
Canary Island Pine (one). Very tall + wide

REASON FOR REMOVAL OF TREE(S)
this tree presents a danger because the pine cones, which are long + when closed, are like missiles. Also, a fire hazard. In an earthquake, if

ATTACHMENTS One of the following three choices are required showing the number and location of tree(s) described on the application. it caught fire, we'd all be toast.

- 1. Hand Drawn Sketch
- 2. Site or Landscape Plan
- 3. Photographs

BY SIGNING BELOW I CONFIRM THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR APPLICATION AND I UNDERSTAND THE NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE IS \$434.20.

I further certify under penalty of perjury that all the information provided on this tree removal permit application is true and correct and that no zoning, land use, grading, demolition, building or other City permits have been applied for as a result of this tree(s) removal being accomplished.

DATE 2/25/2020
SIGNATURE Charlotte He

ADDRESS 1125 Hollywood Ave.
CITY, STATE, ZIP Oakland, CA 94602

Property Owner
 Agent for Owner*

TELEPHONE 510-336-9286 2nd PHONE 510-507-6682

EMAIL charlottehennessy@att.net

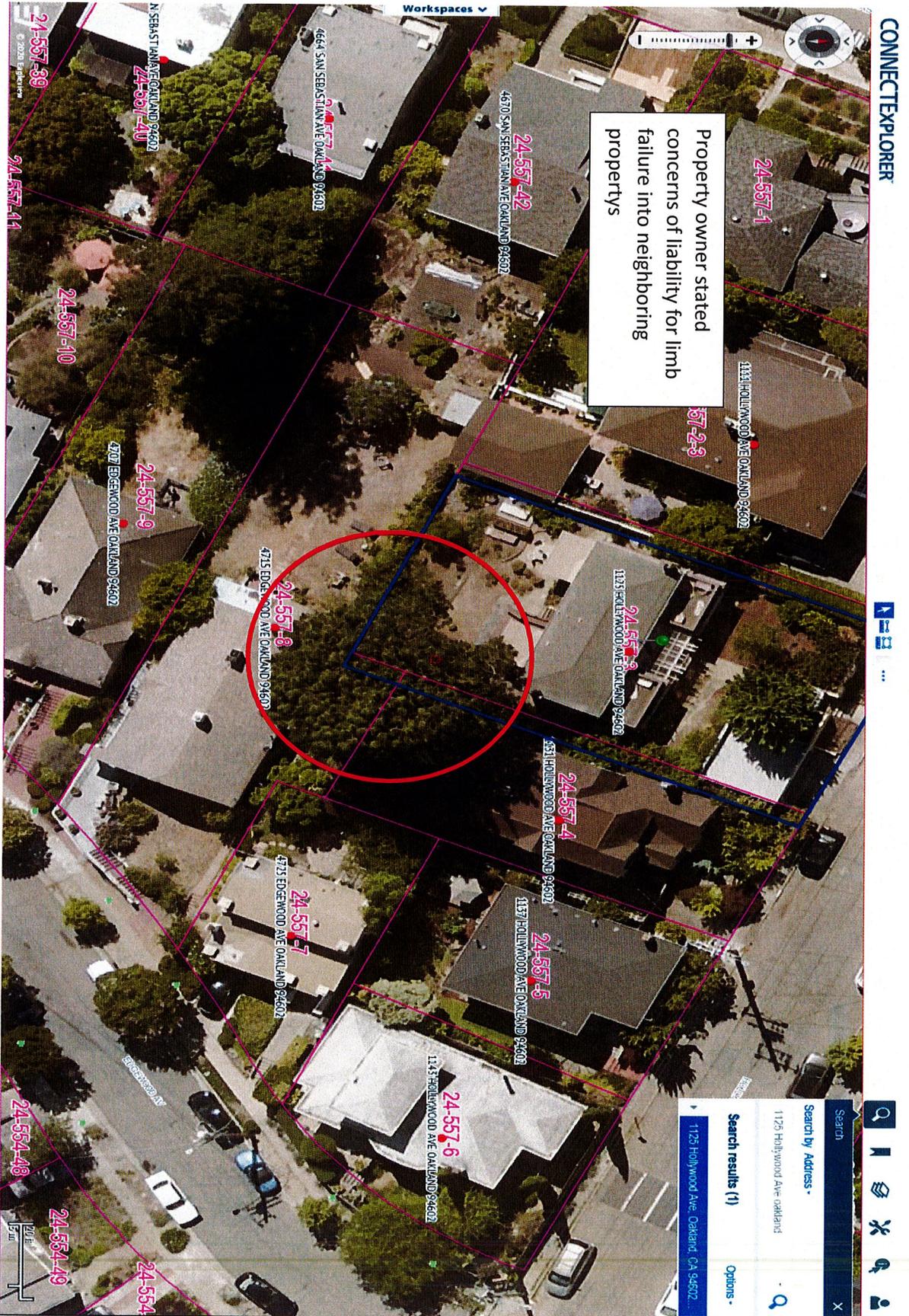
*Please submit a letter from the property owner if acting as their agent.













May 2011 Google History



Peter K. Rudy | Consulting Arborist

To: Laura Wolff
1111 Hollywood Avenue / Oakland

November 16, 2020

Re: Canary Island Pine Tree Inspection:
1125 Hollywood Avenue / Oakland, CA

Hello Laura,

Thank you for being patient with my letter / report on the Canary Island Pine located at the above address. The inspection took place on April 8, 2020 from your neighbor's property; John Kenny and Robin Mogavero of 1131 Hollywood Blvd. The tree is located very close to their property line and I could see what I needed to see from their yard. Species characteristics: The Canary Island Pine has naturalized well to the Bay Area ecosystem. It is very drought tolerant and can handle windy conditions well. It is one of the most fire-resistant Pines in the world. It is also capable of holding large amounts of water in the needles. They are known as a tree that is not prone to failure

The following are my findings from the inspection:

Pinus canariensis

- Diameter at breast height: around 40+”
- Crown width: around 40’
- Large and Healthy tree with a massive presence
- Live Crown Ratio: Over 75%
- Basal roots were very well developed and healthy
- There is very little dead wood in the tree.

Many years ago the tree was topped, but grew into the cuts naturally and not out of balance. The lateral limbs were tipped back and they also are not out of balance or of concern to fail. Between the strong root system and the balanced branching, this tree is currently in no danger of structural failure. There are no past failures that could be seen.

Recommended work:

Every 3 – 5 years the tree should be cleaned of dead wood and have its lateral ends lightened. There should be no topping in the crown or heading back on the lateral branches. Ideally, a certified arborist would be in charge of the work when it is done.

The tree provides beauty and aesthetic to the neighborhood and as long as general maintenance is provided every 3-5 years, this tree could live failure free for many more years. Although this tree is not a native California tree, it is native to a similar Mediterranean climate as the Bay Area. It thrives in this environment and has become one of the more handsome, long lived and safer large trees in the Oakland environs.

Thank you, please let me know if you have any other concerns about this situation.

Peter K. Rudy
Certified Arborist #WC3166
California Contractor #740394



**CITY OF OAKLAND
Oakland Parks & Recreation**

TO: Amy Cole, Acting Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
FROM: Ali Schwarz, Oakland Public Works
DATE: November 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Request For The Parks And Recreation Advisory Commission To Review The Design, Conditional Use, Tree Removal/Protection And Creek Protection Permit For The Caldecott Trailhead Project Adjacent To The North Oakland Sports Field

SUMMARY

Staff from the Department of Public Works Agency (PWA) and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Youth Development request endorsement of the design and implementation of the Caldecott Trailhead Project and the associated Design Review, Conditional Use, Tree Removal/Protection and Creek Protection permits. The proposed project includes improvements to provide accessible parking, bathroom upgrades, and access to the hiking trailhead, play structure, and a fire demonstration garden that will be located along the existing dirt pathway adjacent to the North Oakland Sports Field.

This project originated from a plan to connect the Temescal Park and North Oakland Sports Field to Sibley Regional Park. The future formalized hiking trail will require an accessible trailhead. The design of the project is the culmination of a four-month community engagement process where community residents expressed a desire for a play structure and a fire demonstration garden, in addition to the ADA upgrades. The project also addresses storm water runoff and beautifies the trailhead with new landscaping.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact on the Office of Parks, Recreation and Youth Development. The improvements are funded by Measure WW- Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond Extension, Measure HH -Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Tax, and Measure KK – Infrastructure and Affordable Housing Bond and ADA CIP funds. Construction of the project is anticipated to cost between nine thousand dollars (\$900,000.00).

Overtime the new and improved facilities will have ongoing maintenance costs as necessary. The new play structure and bathroom maintenance are funded by the internal Facilities Fund (Fund 4400). The recently passed Measure Q will provide an important new source of funding for on-going park maintenance.

PROJECT / PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Caldecott Trailhead project is located at 6900 Broadway in City Council District 1. The project site is adjacent to the North Oakland Sports Fields that have historically been used by baseball and soccer leagues from around the region.

There is currently a fire road that leads from the parking lot up the hill into a eucalyptus forest. The road continues through City owned property onto privately owned property and ends at Skyline Blvd.

The Caldecott Trailhead project is Phase 1 of a future hiking trail project that focuses on an improved trailhead with new ADA parking and pathway that leads to new improvements including seating, play structure, informational signage, fire demonstration garden.

Phase II will include a public access easement to provide access to Skyline Blvd. Phase II is not part of the current scope.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The Caldecott Trailhead Project was born out of local residents, hikers and East Bay Regional Parks (EBRP) advocating for a formalized hiking trail that would someday connect Temescal Park, North Oakland/Caldecott Sports Field and Sibley Regional Park. The trail would cross from City owned property onto privately owned property, which requires purchase of an easement. After years of working with EBRP, and several attempts to negotiate with the private property owner, the city was not able to acquire an easement that would allow for a formalized trail to Skyline Blvd. At this point, it was determined that the project would focus on improving the trailhead at the North Oakland Caldecott Sports Fields park.

In the fall/winter of 2018 a four-month community engagement process was conducted to help define the programming of the project. During this process design elements were identified and prioritized by participants. In addition, conversations with internal stakeholders including the Fire Department and ADA Coordinator also informed the project design.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission endorse the Caldecott Trailhead Project and recommend approval to the Bureau of Planning, Zoning Manager for the Design Review, Conditional Use, Tree Permit and Creek Protection permit applications. The proposed project will result in park improvements that enhance the recreational uses of the Caldecott Trailhead and will make these improvements accessible for all users.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Exhibit A –*Location Map*
Exhibit B –*Site Plan*

Caldecott Trailhead Project Location Map

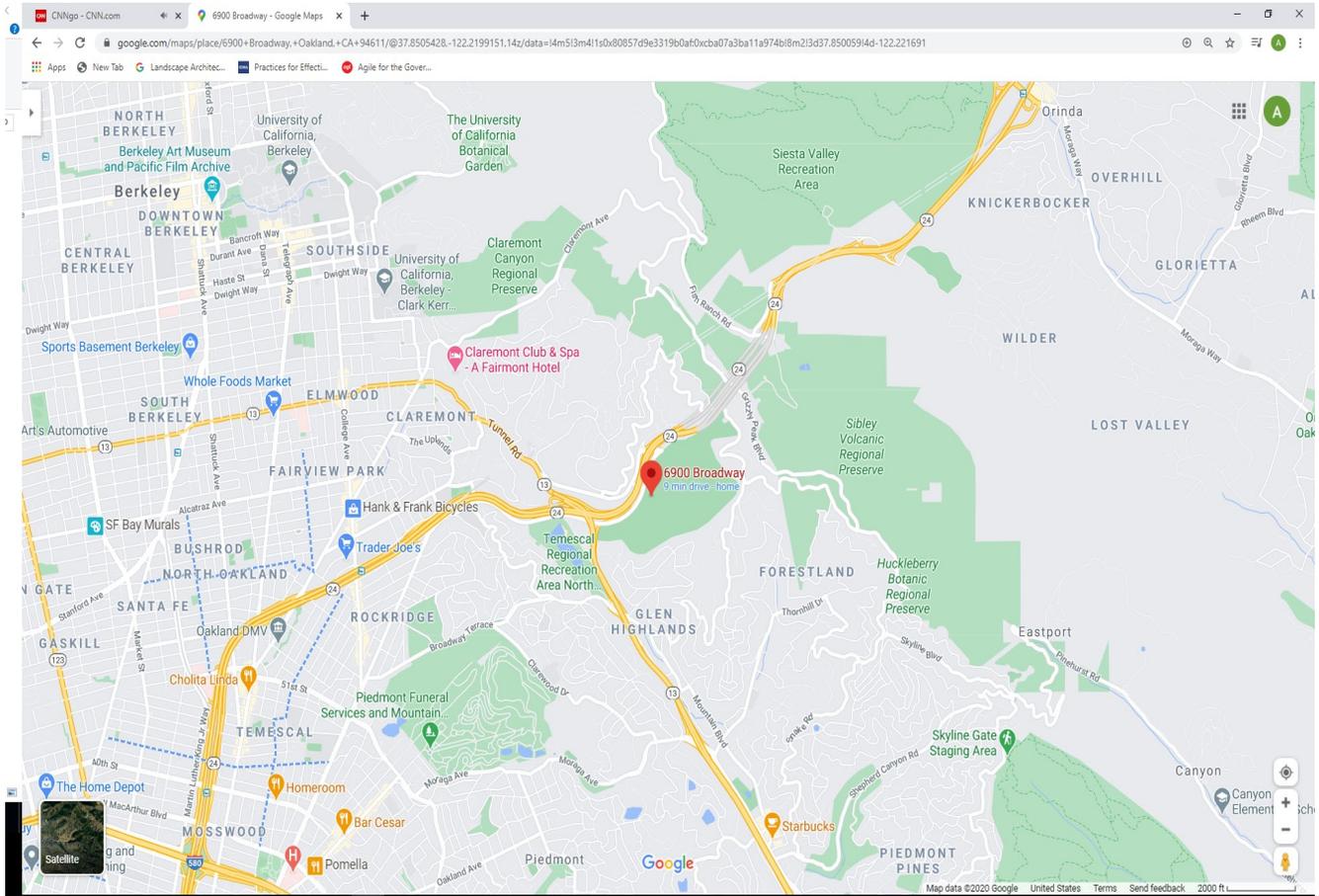
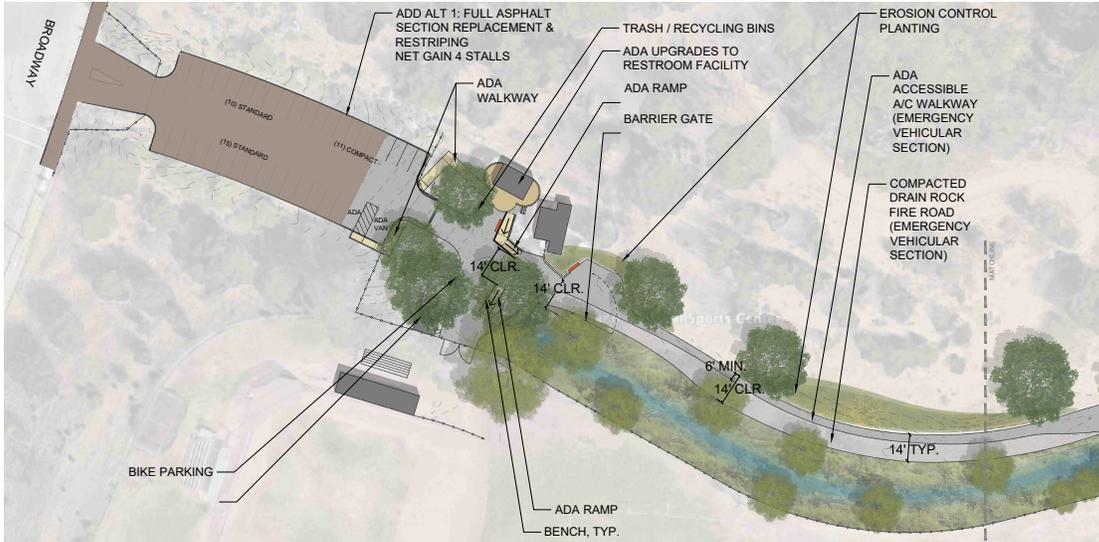


Exhibit A - Caldecott Trailhead Project Location Map

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WOOD & POWDER COATED STEEL STRUCTURE, FIXED PARTS

PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING : ENGINEERED WOOD FIBER & POURED IN PLACE RUBBER



SALVAGED LOG ROUND STEPPING COLUMNS
5-12 PLAY AREA COMPONENTS

PRECEDENT IMAGES

CONCEPT PLAN
CALDECOTT TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE NORTH OAKLAND REGIONAL SPORTS CENTER
6900 BROADWAY
CITY OF OAKLAND
DATE / JANUARY 21, 2020

SCALE / 1" = 30' - 0"

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