

URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK TREE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Ordinance 0017-06 and Public Works Code Section 810, the UFC has developed these criteria for evaluating potential landmark trees in San Francisco. When evaluating or considering potential landmark trees, please consider the context of the tree within its site location. For example, a tree on PUC land may not have the same community importance that a street or park tree would. Use comment sections, as appropriate, to explain or support evaluation. Attach sheets if more space is needed.

Evaluator's name: Mike Bass

Scientific name: Metrosideros excelsa Common name: New Zealand Christmas tree

Street address: 1221 Spitzer St.

Cross streets: _____

Block: _____ Lot(s): _____

Rare: Yes No Other:

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

Comment: Unusual yellow flowering form.

Size: Large Not large

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: _____

Age: Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced
Significantly advanced age (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: Planted by Victor Reiter - noted SF
plantman, founder of CA Hort Society, many plants named
after him.

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.

Describe nature of appreciation. Attach documentation: neighborhood tour.

Planting defines neighborhood character: Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: significant ^{component} of tree-lined street

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes None apparent

Tree has received print, internet, video media coverage.

Describe coverage. Attach documentation if appropriate. Be specific.

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High traffic area: Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: street tree

Low tree density: Yes No

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: street tree

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

Wildlife shelter and/or food (observed or potential)

Describe. 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: _____

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: _____