

Report of Findings for each of the (2) Flowering Ash Trees at 500 Cortland Ave

The Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council met on Tuesday Nov 13, 2007 and considered the nomination for Landmark Status of two Flowering Ash (*Fraxinus ornus*) trees at 500 Cortland Ave..

The committee did not take a position on these trees. The vote was 2 in favor (Boss and Griswold) and 2 opposed (Blair and Sustarich). There was no public testimony.

The committee members voting for recommendation for landmark status, found that the tree met standards that would merit Landmark Tree Status. These standards included:

- The tree is exceedingly rare in San Francisco
- The tree had historical significance to the building it was planted in front of, flagging the entrance to the Bernal Heights Library
- The tree helped define the neighborhood character as part of a significant row of deciduous trees on Cortland Ave, in keeping with the street tree planting plan on Cortland Ave.
- The trees have been noted in a publication (The Trees of San Francisco, by Mike Sullivan)
- The tree are highly visible in a high traffic area and are accessible from the sidewalk

The committee members voting against recommendation for landmark status found that the trees did not meet the standards that would merit Landmark Status. Their evaluation of standards included:

- Uncertainty of the tree's status as being rare
- The tree was not of significant size
- The tree was not in great condition

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Boss

Chair, Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council

Report of Findings for the Blue Elderberry on Folsom Street

The Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council met on Tuesday Nov 13, 2007 and considered the nomination for Landmark Status of the Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus mexicana*) on Folsom Street at Bernal Heights Blvd.

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

The committee members voted for recommendation of landmark status, found that the tree met standards that would merit Landmark Tree Status. These standards included:

- The tree is an uncommon tree in San Francisco
- The tree was of extreme natural historical significance as being a genetic and naturally-occurring remnant of the original San Francisco forest
- The tree is large and of advanced age for its species
- The tree had neighborhood appreciation
- The tree is in a high traffic area and is accessible from a public right of way
- The tree provided habitat and food for multiple varieties of wildlife, including indigenous species
- The tree was a prominent landscape feature occurring in an area of low tree density.
- The tree had character-defining form.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Boss

Chair, Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council

Report of Findings for the Moreton Bay Fig on Valencia Street at 3555 Cesar Chavez

The Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council met on Tuesday Nov 13, 2007 and considered the nomination for Landmark Status of the Moreton Bay Fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) tree at 3555 Cesar Chavez Street on Valencia..

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

The committee members voted for recommendation of landmark status, found that the tree met standards that would merit Landmark Tree Status. These standards included:

- The tree is a majestic specimen, and one of San Francisco's largest trees
- The tree is exceedingly rare in San Francisco
- The tree is of advanced age.
- The tree had historical significance to the Bancroft Library, reference of which is demonstrated by the historical marker that sits at the base of the tree.
- The tree helped define the neighborhood character
- The trees have been profiled in publications (The Trees of San Francisco, by Mike Sullivan; the Trees of Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, by Elizabeth McClintock); and are seen in early historical photos of the Bancroft Library
- The tree are highly visible in a high traffic area and are accessible from the sidewalk
- The trees are a prominent landscape feature, being visible from the top of Bernal Heights Hill and from the many blocks down Valencia Street.
- The tree had character-defining form and was in good condition

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Boss

Chair, Landmark Tree Committee of the Urban Forestry Council