

Urban Forestry Council

Landmark Tree Evaluation Form and Criteria

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: Mei Ling Hui

Date of evaluation: 10/19/09

Scientific name: Phoenix canariensis

Common name: Canary Island Date Palm #1

Street address: 2040 Sutter Street

Cross streets: Steiner Street

Rarity ___ Yes ___ Partially No

Rarity: ___ Rare ___ Uncommon Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: Extremely common tree in San Francisco

Physical Attributes ___ Yes Partially ___ No

Size: ___ Large Medium ___ Small

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: Tree is mature, but not overly large or impressive in size.

Age: Yes ___ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: Tree is mature.

Distinguished form: ___ Yes No

Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: While the tree is mature and had been well cleaned and cared for, it's canopy is not especially full or drooping.

Tree condition: Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard

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

Describe: Roughly half of the fronds, the older frond, are chlorotic. This may be due to shading from the Norfolk Island Pine or other unknowns. It was reported to me by an HOA member that the HOA's arborist is addressing this issue.

Historical ___ Yes ___ Partially No

Historical Association: ___ Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: It was reported to me that a previous land owner, before the condos were built and the area was row houses, may have information on when the trees were planted and by whom, though these individuals were unreachable.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ___ Yes Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Environmental ___ Yes ___ Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: ___ Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Low tree density: ___ Low Moderate ___ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Interdependent group of trees: Yes ___ No

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: This tree may have supported the Norfolk Island Pine by providing wind shelter while the NIP was growing. At this time, it appears that the NIP may be negatively affecting the palm.

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

High traffic area: ___ Yes No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Important wildlife habitat: ___ Yes No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Erosion control: ___ Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes ___ No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: Tree may provide some wind shelter to the neighboring building, however, the buildings are taller than the trees and this is not likely. Likewise, the trees probably are not able to provide much in the way of sound barriers to the surrounding buildings.

Cultural ___ Yes Partially ___ No

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: The trees are located in the courtyard of a large building complex. To nominate this tree, the HOA's Board of Directors met to discuss the merits of the trees and agreed to nominated them. This shows community support for this process.

Cultural appreciation: ___ Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ___ Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Profiled in a publication or other media: ___ Yes Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.

Prominent landscape feature: ___ Yes No

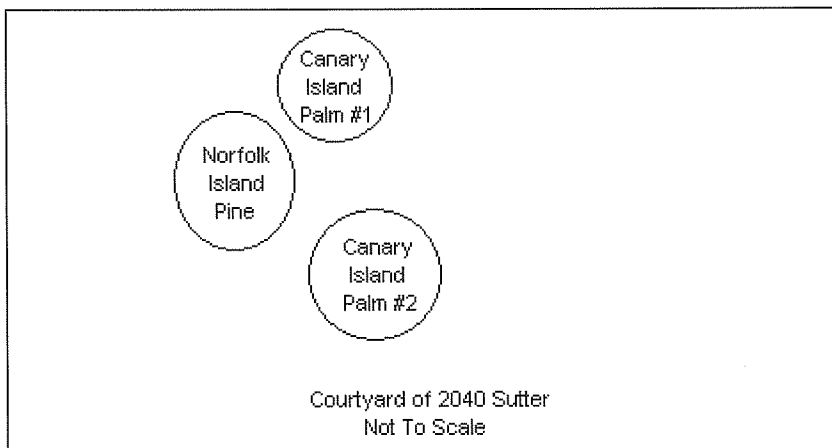
A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Tree is not very prominent in the landscape – from many angles, the view of this tree is partially or mostly obscured by the Norfolk Pine and other Date Palm.

Additional comments

It's a nice looking tree, albeit on the smaller side for a mature specimen of this species. The tree is being cared for and those who interact with it are highly concerned with it and very attached to it.

This form is for tree #1 located on the Northern edge of the courtyard and property line, closer to the Norfolk Island Pine; as shown in the following diagram:



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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?

- The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board may nominate a tree.
The head of a City department or agency may nominate a tree on property under their jurisdiction.
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.

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.

I am one of the following authorized nominators

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

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

Member of the public who initiated nomination (if applicable):

Name
Address
Address
Phone (day)
Fax #
Email

Sutter Park West HOA
Name
2040 Sutter Street
Address
2060 Sutter Street
Address
San Francisco, Ca 94115
Phone (day) C/O Citiscape Property Management
3450 Third Street Suite 1A SF Ca 94124
Fax # 415 695 2999
Email jcarney@citiscap.sf.com

I am an authorized nominator and I support this nomination.

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

Signature
Date

Barbara de Vries
Date 9/15/09
Signature
Date 9/15/09

Board of Directors
Homeowner Spokes person
Heather Levin
h.Levin24@yahoo.com

The Urban Forestry Council will use the following criteria to evaluate each potential landmark tree. If you need more space to describe the tree, please attach additional sheets.

TREE DESCRIPTION

Tree name (species and common name): Phoenix Canisicensis Canary Island Palm

Number of trees: one of two

Street address: Sutter Park West - 2040/2060 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Ca 94115

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

If the tree which extends beyond multiple properties:

Which part of the tree does so?

Trunk Canopy

Where in the neighboring area?

Front yard Rear yard Side yard Corner-side yard

GPS units (OPTIONAL): _____

Height 45 feet

Average canopy width 19 feet
Distance from one edge to opposite edge of tree canopy

Circumference at chest level 20 inches
Distance around trunk at 4.5 ft off the ground. <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/tree-ord/heritage.aspx>

Circumference at ground level 29 inches
Distance around trunk on the ground where the trunk meets the soil.

Rarity

Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: _____

Physical

Size: Large Medium Small
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: _____

Age: Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: possible circa 1915?

Distinguished form: Yes No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: _____

Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: _____

Historical

Historical Association: Yes None apparent
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.
Describe coverage: _____

Environmental

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: Yes No

This tree is an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: very close to other canary palm and norfolk pine

Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: Yes No

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: Fillmore Street Sidewalk from side gate

High traffic area: Yes No

Tree is located in an area that has a high volume of vehicle, pedestrian or bike traffic and has a potential traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Important wildlife habitat: Yes No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

Cultural

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: _____

Cultural appreciation: Yes None apparent

Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: _____

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.

Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: Large crown

Additional comments

