

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: LARRY COSTELLO
Date of evaluation: 5/9/11
Scientific name: ACACIA MELANOXYLON
Common name: BLACKWOOD ACACIA
Street address: 2853 VALLEJO
Cross streets: _____

Rarity Yes Partially No

Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: _____

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: Large Medium Small

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

Comment: _____

Age: Yes No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: _____

Distinguished form: Yes No

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

Describe: _____

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Tree condition: ___ Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard OK

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

Describe: Some large diameter cuts on branches

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: _____

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 ___ Yes Partially ___ No

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

Describe: _____

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: only the uppermost part of the tree is visible from the street

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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 Don't know

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No ?

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

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: _____

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: _____

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Additional comments

This tree is notable for its size and age. However, it is not fully visible from the street, ~~especially~~ ~~it~~ it has some structural deficiencies, and there ~~are~~ ~~are~~ ^{are few} ~~are~~ cultural, environmental, or historical features that make it outstanding. I am not in favor of landmark status.