

**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: V. MALCOLM HILMAN
Date of evaluation: 4.18.11
Scientific name: ACACIA MELANOXYLON
Common name: BLACKWOOD ACACIA
Street address: 2853 VALLEJO ST.
Cross streets: BAKER AND BROADRICK

Rarity ___ Yes ___ Partially No

Rarity: ___ Rare ___ Uncommon Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: NO COMMENT

Physical Attributes Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Size: Large ___ Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: BIG BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN
NICELY CARED FOR

Age: Yes ___ No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: FOR CULTIVATED, NEIGHBORHOOD
SPECIMEN, FAIRLY OLD

Distinguished form: ___ Yes No

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

Describe: LARGE PRUNING CUTS ON NORTH SIDE
PROBLEMATIC ... NO COMMENT OTHERWISE.

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: GOOD HEALTH, SAFELY PRUNED.

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: APPLE CARTH INSTALLATION

CLAIMED ... LIKELY. NOT WORTHY OF LANDMARKING FOR THIS ALONE.

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: COVERAGE OF HOUSE / GARDEN. ONLY INDIRECTLY HIGHLIGHTS TREE.

Environmental Yes Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: IN GARDEN, AND AS

AN ASSET TO SURROUNDING PROPERTIES, THIS TREE IS A PROMINENT FEATURE.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: FAIRLY GOOD POPULATION OF IMPRESSIVE 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: TREE PROTECTS OTHER SURROUNDING TREES AND SHRUBS.

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: LIMITED APPRECIATION FROM STREETS. SLIGHTLY VISIBLE

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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: THIS AREA IS CALM
TO BEGIN WITH

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.

Describe: REPORTEDLY NOT
UNIQUE IN THIS REGARD.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: MAY PLAY A ROLE IN STABILITY
OF SITE / GARDEN. OLID, SIGNIFICANT
ROOT SYSTEM.

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTES.

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: REPORTED SUPPORT BY
OWNER.

Cultural appreciation: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation: NO COMMENT

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN FOR
BIG BEAUTIFUL TREES LIKE THIS, INCLUDING
B'WOOD ACACIA.

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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: REPORTED BY OWNER.

TREE IS NOT DIRECTLY FEATURED.

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: OUTSTANDING TREE,

BEAUTIFULLY KEPT. A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSET.

Additional comments

I LOVE THIS TREE: THE WAY IT WORKS WITH THE GARDEN AND HOUSE, THE WAY IT HAS BEEN SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY KEPT WITH ~~THE~~ REGARD TO THE NEIGHBORS, AND WHAT IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE LOCALE. AND IT'S BIG!!

BECAUSE OF ITS FAIRLY COMMON NATURE, LIMITED APPRECIATION FROM THE STREET AND SOME UNFORTUNATE LARGE CUTS ON THE NORTH SIDE (WHICH DISTRACT FROM ITS BALANCE AND MAJESTY) I WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS TREE FOR LANDMARKING. BUT----

... MANY THANKS TO THE OWNERS FOR THEIR CARE AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A GREAT TREE!!!