

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 Boss

Scientific name: Ilex sp. Common name: Holly

Street address: 733 27th Ave.

Cross streets: _____

Block: _____ Lot(s): _____

Rare: ___ Yes No ___ Other:

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

Comment: Holly is a common garden tree in SF

Size: ___ Large Not large

Notable size compared to other trees of the same species.

Comment: tree medium size

Age: ___ Significantly advanced Not significantly advanced
Significantly advanced age (known or estimated)

Comment: not old - est 20 yrs.

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

Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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: _____

Planting defines neighborhood character: ___ Yes No

Contributes to neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: Adds somewhat to restorative appeal
to ~~front~~ backyards.

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.

High traffic area: ___ Yes No

High visibility, possible traffic calming effect.

Describe: _____

Low tree density: ___ Yes No moderate

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: Neighborhood has ~~many~~ other trees.

Extends between multiple properties: Yes ___ No

High visibility, multiple neighbors share tree.

Describe: Few branches towards rear property

Accessible from public right-of-way. ___ Yes No

High visibility.

Describe: _____

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: May block some westerly wind

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: collar sprouts, ivy growing up trunk
scale infestation.

There is nothing remarkable about this tree.