

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, 13 November 2014

Tour of Inspection – 1:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting – 2:30 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers
East side of Monte Verde St. between Ocean & 7th Avenues
Carmel, California

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

COMMISSION MEMBERS: DAVID REFUERZO – CHAIR
 KAREN FERLITO
 KATHY BANG
 MICHAEL CARTER
 JEFF BARON

TOUR OF INSPECTION

Shortly after 1:30 p.m. the Commission will leave the Council Chambers for an on-site Tour of Inspection of all properties listed on this agenda. The Tour may also include projects previously approved by the City and not on this agenda. Prior to the beginning of the Tour of Inspection, the Commission may eliminate one or more on-site visits. The public is welcome to follow the Commission on its tour of the determined sites. The Commission will return to the Council Chambers at **2:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

1. Camino Real St., 6 houses northwest of Ocean Ave.
2. Santa Fe St., 4 houses northeast of 2nd Ave.
3. Torres St., 2 houses northeast of 9th Ave.
4. Carmelo St., 2 houses northwest of 9th Ave.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPEARANCES

Thank you for attending the meeting. Anyone wishing to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Commission, may do so now. Please state the matter on which you wish to speak. Matters not appearing on the Commission's agenda will not receive action at this meeting but may be referred to staff for a future meeting. Presentations will be limited to three minutes, or as established by the Commission. Persons are not required to give their name or address, but it is helpful for speakers to state their name in order that the Secretary may identify them.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of the minutes for the 9 October 2014 regular meeting.

APPLICATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

IF YOU CHALLENGE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSED ACTION IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE, OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION, OR PRIOR TO DELIBERATION OF THE ITEMS ON THE TOUR OF INSPECTION/PUBLIC HEARING.

2. Reconsideration of an application to remove one 60" diameter Monterey pine on private property the applicant considers to be unsafe and a danger to her property as well as her neighboring properties. Page 11.
3. Consideration of an application to remove a coast redwood (68" diameter) on private property due to damage to a house and foundation as well as being a health and safety hazard. Page 43.
4. Consideration of an application to remove a Monterey pine (30" diameter) on public property due to the tree being considered an unreasonable risk to the adjacent property. Page 74.
5. Consideration of an application to remove five eucalyptus trees (12", 16", 22", 21", and 22" diameter) on private property and one blue gum eucalyptus (50" diameter) on public property due to safety concerns. Page 92.

VIII. ORDERS OF BUSINESS

6. Receive and discuss a report from the ad hoc Arbor Day Event Committee. No page.
7. Receive and discuss a report from the ad hoc Beach Fires Committee. No page.
8. Discussion on the level of detail necessary for minutes of Commission meetings. No page.

IX. REPORTS FROM STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

10. Forester's report
 - A. September data. TO BE HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING No page.
 - B. Project updates.
 - C. Parks activities.
 - D. Beach activities.
11. Public Services Director comments. No page.
 - A. Project Status.
 - B. Budget update
 - C. Planning Commission activities update.
 - D. Update of Council Items.
 - E. Future Agenda Items.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Forest and Beach Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the Planning and Building Department located at City Hall, on Monte Verde between Ocean and 7th Avenues during normal business hours.

If there is not a special meeting, the next regular meeting of the Forest and Beach Commission will be:

11 December 2014

Tour of Inspection – as required

3:30 p.m. - Regular Agenda

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Mike Branson, City Forester, for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing notice was posted at the Carmel-by-the-Sea City Hall bulletin board, posted at the Harrison Memorial Library on Ocean and Lincoln Avenues and the Carmel Post Office and distributed to members of the media on November 10, 2014.

Dated this 10th, day of November 2014 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.



Mike Branson
City Forester

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Tour of Inspection 2:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR TOUR OF INSPECTION

PRESENT: Commission Members: Ferlito, Refuerzo, Bang, Carter, Baron
ABSENT: Commission members: None
STAFF PRESENT: Mike Branson, City Forester

TOUR OF INSPECTION

The Commission toured the following sites:

1. Camino Real Street, 6 houses northwest of Ocean Avenue
2. Lincoln Street, 2 houses southwest of 2nd Avenue

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR THE REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Karen Ferlito
David Refuerzo – Vice- Chair
Michael Carter
Kathy Bang
Jeff Baron

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Branson, City Forester
Sharon Friedrichsen, Public Services Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS – ELECTIONS

Commissioner Bang nominated David Refuerzo for Chairperson. Commissioner Ferlito seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were received and Vice-Chair Refuerzo was elected as Chairperson by the following vote:

AYES: Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Bang, Baron
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Chair Refuerzo nominated Commissioner Ferlito as Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Carter seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were received and Commissioner Ferlito was elected as Vice-Chairperson by the following vote:

AYES: Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Bang, Baron
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPEARANCES

No appearances.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of the minutes for the 11 September 2014 regular meeting.

Commissioner Ferlito identified a couple of typographical errors.

It was moved by BANG to approve the minutes for the 11 September 2014 regular meeting, with the typographic corrections; seconded by FERLITO.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Bang, Baron
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

APPLICATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 2. Consideration of an application to remove one 60" diameter Monterey pine on private property the applicant considers to be unsafe and a danger to her property as well as her neighboring properties.

Forester Branson presented his staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Refuerzo asked when the tree was last pruned.

Branson responded that he did not know but the applicant could answer the question.

Public comment opened at 3:42 p.m.

Linda Yellich, owner of the tree, told the Commission she has owned the property for 15 years and have maintained the tree during her ownership. She said the recent limb failure was very frightening and she did not want to go through that experience again. The fallen limb damaged her neighbor's home and her grand children were playing beneath the tree a few hours earlier. She said her neighbors are very concerned since the limb fell on a calm evening. She does not want to live in fear and asked the Commission to consider her and her neighbors feelings and allow the tree to be removed.

Chair Refuerzo asked when the tree was last trimmed and Ms. Yellich answered that it was last trimmed 4 years ago.

Carolina Bayne said she owns the property west of the tree and her cottage is near the tree. She said she has letters from an attorney on the liability of the tree and considers it a matter of time before the tree falls and hits her property. She said the tree has bad "juju" with the neighbors. The neighbors are worried and have angst about the tree. She asked whose liability is it if the tree falls and if the tree is not allowed to be removed then perhaps it could be topped to reduce the impacts if it falls.

Mario Callau, a landscape contractor representing the property owners to the northwest, reported that his clients do not want the tree removed or pruned and that trees are the essence of Carmel. He said he has lived beneath large trees and there are risks.

Barbara Livingston said that she lives beneath several large pines and if fear leads to trees being removed, the forest will be damaged. She thought periodic inspections may help. She also said that fear is a terrible reason to remove trees and asked the Commission to protect the forest.

Karen sharp, neighbor across Camino Real Street, heard the limb fall and it was very frightening for the neighborhood. She was thankful that the owner of the house that was hit was out of state. She reported that a similar size limb fell about 4-5 years ago and wondered if the tree was health or had other issues. She said trees may appear healthy but are not since had a tree removed that appeared healthy but turned out to be hollow at the base of the trunk.

Cora Mae Duke, neighbor to the north, told the Commission she would move to a bedroom away from the tree during storms due to fear of the tree. She said the recent limb failure hit the corner of her bedroom and she has been concerned about the tree for a long time.

Mark Bayne said he used to live beneath the tree in the cottage on the property to the west and he was afraid of the tree. He also said the neighbors to the northwest of the tree are hardly ever there and really do not know the tree.

Shelly Snyder said she currently lives in the cottage near the tree. She heard the limb fall and is very concerned about the tree.

Public comment closed at 4:02 p.m.

Commissioner Baron noted that he lives near a large tree that lost a large limb and the neighbors were concerned He asked if the lower limbs should be removed.

Branson noted there is not a direct correlation to a limb falling and the tree falling. Sometimes a specific fault can be found as to why a limb fell, sometimes not. Some of the limbs could be removed or lightened but you do not want to do too much.

Commissioner Bang said this was a difficult issue. She does not know the age of the tree but hearing that other limbs have fallen raises questions about the tree and she is inclined to allow removal and plant two new upper canopy trees. Or do a more serious inspection of the tree.

Commissioner Ferlito also commented that this is a difficult issue and she lives beneath large pines. She thought the Foresters report was being prudent to retain the tree but allowing the homeowner to have a more detailed inspection. She would allow removal of problem limbs and have the owner come back if an inspection finds some serious issues.

Commissioner Carter favors an inspection and pruning to try to retain the tree if possible.

Chairperson Refuerzo thought it is a beautiful tree and perhaps some weight reduction on the large limbs should be done. He also lives with a large pine tree that he needs to maintain.

Chairperson REFUERZO moved to deny the application and recommend an inspection and weight reduction pruning to maintain the health of the tree. Commissioner FERLITO seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bang asked if the motion could be postponed until an inspection report comes back. She would like more information.

Branson responded that the applicant would have to initiate the inspection. A decision should be made on the application and the applicant can return with an inspection report if necessary for further review.

Commissioner Baron asked what the Commission would do if a report said the tree is fine.

Branson responded that the Commission would render another decision based on the information on hand.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter
NOES:	Bang, Baron
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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3. Consideration of an application to prune a 6” diameter limb from a 12” diameter coast live oak on public property to allow parking further off of the street and to reduce the number of accidental scrapes with the tree.

Branson presented his staff report.

Public comment opened and closed at 4:21 p.m.

Branson noted the applicant had signed a waiver of his right to appear.

Commissioner BANG made a motion to deny the application. Commissioner FERLITO seconded the motion.

Commissioner Baron thought it was strange to have an application of this sort.

Commissioner Carter noted the action requested really does not achieve the desired goal of the request.

Commissioner Baron noted that improving parking is not a reason to approve the application

Commissioner Ferlito asked for a definition of what he public right-of-way is.

Branson provided a definition of the public right-of-way.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Bang, Baron
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Consideration of an application to remove a coast redwood (72” diameter) on private property due to damage to a house and foundation as well as being a health and safety hazard.

This item was requested to be continued by the City Administrator.

A motion to continue this item was made by Chairperson REFUERZO and seconded by Commissioner BANG.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Bang, Baron
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

5. Consideration of changing the time of the November meeting.

Chairperson REFUERZO made a motion to change the start time of the November meeting time to 2:30 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict. Commissioner FERLITO seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bang reported she will be absent for the November meeting.

Public comment opened and closed at 4:32 p.m.

Chairperson Refuerzo asked if an alternate date would be better. After reviewing their calendars, the Commissioners concurred that 2:30 p.m. on the regular meeting date was the best choice.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Baron
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Bang

6. Receive and discuss a report from the ad hoc Arbor Day Event Committee.

Commissioner Ferlito reported the Arbor Day event will be on Saturday, November 15th at City Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. City Forester Branson, landscape architect Paul Deering, and Lee Klinger PhD. will speak at the event but the committee is still looking for someone to speak on oak issues. A press release and e-blasts will be used to promote the event.

Chairperson Refuerzo noted that the event occurs at the same time as the Carmel Residents Association beach cleanup.

Commissioner Ferlito said the ad hoc committee will review the time of the event at their next meeting.

Commissioner Bang recommended the ad hoc committee start planning the 2016 event too.

No further discussion.

7. Receive and discuss a report from the ad hoc Beach Fires Committee.

Commissioner Bang reported on the results of meetings with the Carmel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, The Monterey Regional Air Quality Control District, a conference call with California Coastal Commission staff, Scott McKenzie of Carmel Natur, Carmel Public Safety Director Mike Calhoun, and City Council member Victoria Beach. She also outlined the direction of the ad hoc committee and the beach fire issue going forward through the city review process.

Commissioner Bang addressed questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ferlito asked about the cost to date of the security patrols and the charcoal cleanup.

Director Friedrichsen and Forester Branson reported on the costs for the security and cleanup services to date.

Commissioner Bang commented that more money has been budgeted than has been spent.

Director Friedrichsen will report on the budgeted funds at the next meeting.

Commissioner Baron asked if the effort crowds and trash or coals and smoke. He thought crowds and trash may be too large of an issue.

Commissioner Bang answered that the mandate is to address the environmental issues of fires with a limit on numbers of fires and not allowing fires directly on the sand.

Commissioner Baron wondered if the maximum fire size was reduced, could more fires be allowed.

Commissioner Carter asked if the 3' x 3' x 3' fire size included the flame height.

Forester Branson reported what the city Municipal Code allowed as the maximum fire size and it included the flame height.

Commissioner Bang said the ad hoc committee would look into considering a change in fire size.

Commissioner Baron reported he had received a comment that Carmel should not strive to be like other beaches. He also felt that the Commission was working in a vacuum due to the lack of public participation.

Commissioner Bang commented that the ad hoc committee is reaching out to many groups for input and the Commission should try to present a recommendation that has been addressed as much as possible by the public.

Public comment opened at 5:21 p.m.

Scott McKenzie from Carmel Natur liked the positive comments received from the Coastal Commission regarding non-profit or subsidized fire management program. He expressed appreciation for the ad hoc committee report, but he was concerned that there is not a scientific analysis of any data and anecdotal information is being used. He thought the committee needs to develop measurable objectives and to lead, not follow when developing a solution.

Public comment closed at 5:26 p.m.

Chairperson Refuerzo thanked the ad hoc committee for their good work.

Commissioner Ferlito commented that the City Council is not looking to follow other cities, but to come up with a Carmel specific solution.

Commissioner Carter commented that the information of what other states are doing provides some guidance of what is working elsewhere but may or may not apply directly to Carmel.

Commissioner Baron thought there can be measurable objectives that will give guidance on how well a program is succeeding.

Commissioner Bang asked Commissioner Baron to develop and forward a list of objectives to the committee for possible inclusion in the fire plan. She also pointed out that there will be many public meetings ahead for public participation and input.

Commissioner Ferlito noted that the City Council would like to have a program in place by next summer's fire season.

Commissioner Bang said the process is to get as much community participation as possible but we should not let getting every piece of data stall the process.

Commissioner Baron said he would like to hear from the Air Quality Control District at Commission meeting in the near future.

Commissioner Bang will try to get an Air Quality Control District representative to come to a meeting.

No further discussion.

8. Consideration of 2015 Key Initiatives.

Forester Branson presented an outline of the key initiative process.

Commissioner Ferlito asked about uncompleted items from the 2014 key initiatives and if the Commission should add additional items. She also wondered whether the new City Administer will have a new procedure.

Commissioner Bang thought the existing initiative should be more specific and measurable. She asked if staff could provide guidance on what can be done.

Commissioner Baron asked if that was the roll of the Commission for this agenda item.

Director Friedrichsen explained the key initiative process and how the initiatives integrate at a staff level. The Council determines the initiatives but has asked for input from the City Commissions.

Commissioners discussed various items should be forwarded to the City Council this year and discussed items in last year's initiatives.

Commissioner Ferlito commented that the Commission should ask for completion of current items before adding more.

Director Friedrichsen asked Commissioners to send any items for next year to staff and staff will provide an update of current initiatives for next month's meeting.

No public present.

No further discussion.

9. Consideration of a request for the City Council to assign a beach pathway committee.

Forester Branson presented an overview of the agenda item, outlined the committee formation options, and address questions from the Commission.

Chairperson Refuerzo commented on the pros and cons of the committee options.

No public present.

Commissioner FERLITO motioned to ask the City Council to form a beach pathway committee. Commissioner CARTER seconded the motion.

Commissioner Baron asked when the funding was budgeted for the improvements to the pathway.

Forester Branson thought the project was funded for FY 2015-16 provided no changes are made during next year's budget development.

The Commission asked for a report on when the funding is scheduled per the current budget and capital improvement plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Ferlito, Refuerzo, Carter, Bang, Baron
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

REPORTS FROM STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

10. Forester's report

Forester Branson presented his reports.

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Commissioner Ferlito asked how most of the oaks on the removal list had died and on an olive tree as a replacement planting.

Forester Branson addressed her questions.

No public present.

11. Public Services Director's comments.

Director Friedrichsen reported the road resurfacing project would begin towards the end of October, provided an update on the Scenic restroom project, and an update on the goat project in Mission Trail Nature Preserve.

Commissioner Ferlito asked what was powering lighting for the new restrooms.

Director Friedrichsen responded that lighting would be from electric power.

No public present.

Commissioner asked that a status of shoreline assessments, review of the Mission Trail Nature Preserve Master Plan, and key initiatives be placed on future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson REFUERZO adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully submitted,

David Refuerzo, Vice- Chairperson

Mike Branson, City Forester

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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Refuerzo, Chairperson
Members of the Forest and Beach Commission

FROM: Mike Branson, City Forester

DATE: 7 November 2014

SUBJECT: Reconsideration of Yellich application for tree removal

Following a public hearing regarding a tree removal application submitted by Linda Yellich to remove a 60" diameter Monterey pine from her property, the Forest and Beach Commission voted to deny the application by a 3 – 2 vote. The Commission recommended that Ms. Yellich contact an arborist to perform a tree inspection and return if new information was found.

Ms. Yellich retained the services of two arborists, one of which climbed up into the tree, who have provided letters with their observations and recommendations. Ms. Yellich also has submitted a letter from her physician regarding some health issues affecting her that may be attributed to the tree.

Staff has read the arborist reports and does not completely agree with their conclusions about the tree. Staff will address the issues raised by the arborists and answer any questions from the Commissioners at the meeting.

Staff still recommends retaining the tree, with some appropriate pruning and continued monitoring.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Forest and Beach Commission

FROM: Mike Branson, City Forester

DATE: 3 October 2014

SUBJECT: Tree Removal (Private)
Block: GG Lot: 13 & ½ of 11 A.P.N #: 010-252-008
W/ Camino Real St., 4 north of Ocean Ave.
Applicant/Owner: Linda Yellich

Site Condition:

This site is a 6,000 sq. ft. lot with a single-family home and attached garage. The lot slopes downward to the west from Camino Real St. The tree is located near the north property line about 10 feet from the side of the applicants house and about 8 feet from the home to the north. The canopy of the tree covers a large portion of the applicant's lot and the lot to the north.

Size and species of trees(s) requested for removal/pruning:

Remove one Monterey pine – 60" dbh.

Health and condition of tree requested for removal:

The Monterey pine is a large mature tree and appears to be in good overall health. The tree has a large spreading canopy comprised of many large limbs. There are several dead limbs within the canopy but the bulk of the limbs appear to be in good vigor and condition. The root collar has several large buttressing roots for support of the tree. No significant insect, disease or other structural problems were observed.

Recently, a limb broke from the tree and fell onto the home to the north. I was unable to inspect the portion that fell to determine a possible cause for the failure.

Previous requests and decisions:

None.

Reason for request - Description of Project:

The applicant considers the tree to be unsafe and a danger to her property as well as her neighboring properties. A recent limb failure which damaged a fence and the chimney of the home to the north has precipitated the application to remove the tree.

The importance of the tree(s) to the urban forest in the area:

The tree contributes to the upper canopy of the urban forest this neighborhood.

Size and species of tree(s) that are to be preserved:

Mayten - 4" dbh

Impacts construction may have on trees that are to be preserved and suggested mitigation:

N/A

Options:

1. Approve the application.
2. Do not approve the application.
3. Postpone consideration.

Staff Recommendations:

Option #2. Do not approve the application. The tree appears to be in good condition and health. The recent and past limb failures are unfortunate, but do not merit removal of the entire tree at the current time. The tree appears to have the potential to be a viable tree for some time.

I recommend that the tree be pruned to remove the dead limbs the tree and to reduce the weight of the some of the large limbs that extend over the two properties that lie beneath the tree. The tree should be monitored for any changes in its vigor and condition.

If the tree is allowed to be removed, I recommend planting two upper canopy trees on the property.

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

P.O. Box "SS"
Carmel, CA 93921
Ph: (831) 620-2070/FAX: 831-624-2132

Date Received 9-3-14
Application Fee: \$ 32.51
Receipt # 58591

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REMOVE OR PRUNE TREES
NO CONSTRUCTION

Location of property: Camino Real 4 N.W Ocean Ave
Block: North 1/2 of lot 11 & all of lot 13 in block GG Lot: AP# D10 252 008 000

Name of Property Owner: Linda Yellich Name of Applicant/Contractor: Karen

Mailing Address PO Box 3365 Mailing Address: _____
Carmel Ca 93921

Phone # (831) 26-6606 ^{night} 831 970-4344 ^{day} Phone #: 320 9996

WHO WILL BE REMOVING/PRUNING THE TREE(S): Mike Iverson Tree Service
City Business License #: 17619 (Call)

(PLEASE NOTE IF TREE(S) ARE ON CITY OR PRIVATE PROPERTY)

Number, size and species of tree(s) to be removed: 1 huge Monterey Pine 175" diameter

Number, size and species of limbs/roots to be removed: _____

Reason for removal or pruning: This huge tree creates an unsafe & dangerous peril to my neighbors & myself. A huge branch fell, creating fear/anxiety and damage to property & adjacent home, breaking fence and causing chimney to fall from roof of neighbors home.

You will be notified in writing the date and time that your request is scheduled for a hearing. If you or your representative is unable to attend the hearing, your application will be tabled. You may reschedule by contacting the Secretary to the Forest and Beach Commission at (831) 620-2070. You may waive your right to speak at the hearing and authorize the Forest and Beach Commission to act on your request in your absence by signing on the following line:

Date: _____

A SITE PLAN MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION AND SHOW THE FOLLOWING:

1. Location, size and species of ALL trees on the lot.
2. Location and species of tree(s)/limb(s) to be removed or pruned
3. Footprint of the structure.
4. Location of areas for tree replanting - The City has adopted Design Review Guidelines which include a minimum tree density per lot. Please review the attached Policy and indicate on the site plan where you intend to plant trees necessary to comply with this guideline.

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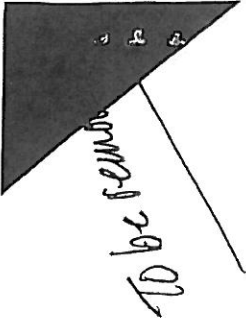
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Planning & Building Dept.

- Any decision of the Forest and Beach Commission is based on information submitted with this application. PLEASE BE ACCURATE.
- NO WORK IS PERMITTED until you have picked up your permit for tree work - The Permit must be posted on the job site when work is being performed.

Owner's Signature Linda Yellich Date: 9/2/14
Agent for Owners: _____ Date: _____

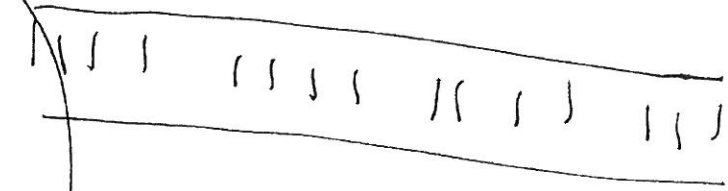
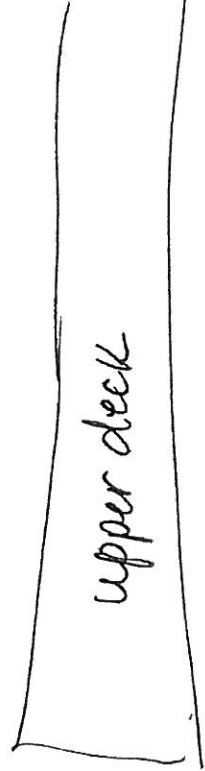
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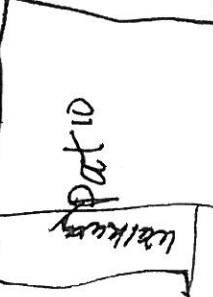
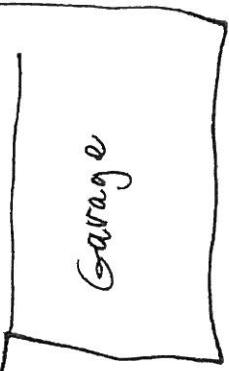
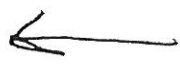


to be removed

Replant with similar tree



Walking Fence



Trunk door

Walking



Carmelo Road
4 N.W. Ocean Ave
Carmel, Ca

(15)

010 252 008 000

CG/13

Yellich

November 3, 2014

To: Mike Branson and the Carmel Beach and Forest Commission

From: Linda Yellich

Re: Request for tree removal appeal

I have had the pine tree located on my property at Camino Real 4 N. W. of Ocean Ave evaluated by 2 separate certified arborists. Their reports, evaluations and photos are attached. It is clear that they feel the tree should be removed. I am also enclosing a statement from Dr. Stephan Trost, my physician, verifying the level of stress and anxiety and the health effects that this ordeal is creating for me. Once again, I request that the commission agree to the removal of this dangerous and life-threatening tree.

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PrimeCare
355 Abbott Street, Suite100
Salinas, CA 93901
831-751-7070 (Ph)
831-751-7050 (Fax)

Harden Medical Care Center
1756 N. Main St
Salinas, CA 93906
831-443-8200 (Ph)
831-449-3493 (Fax)

10/28/2014

Patient Name: Yellich, Linda

To whom it may concern,

I saw Linda in my office today due to an acute situational stress reaction with insomnia. These symptoms have developed since a large tree branch fell from the pine tree on her property one month ago. In addition, she is now having more difficulty controlling her blood pressure, which was previously under good control with medication. It is apparent to me that this matter is having adverse effects on her health.

Please take Linda's health concerns into consideration when you next meet with her regarding the tree matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Trost".

Stephanie Trost MD

JOSEPH E. BILECI JR.
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November 2, 2014

Linda Yellich
Camino Real 4th NW of Ocean
Carmel, CA 93921

RE: Monterey Pine at Camino Real 4th NW of Ocean, Carmel, CA

Dear Ms. Yellich:

Pursuant to your request, I recently inspected the Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) tree in the back yard at the above address to determine whether it posed an unreasonable hazard to persons and property. The following are my findings. Measurements are approximate.

FINDINGS

The subject tree is 56" in diameter, 105' in height, and has a foliage spread of 60'. It is located 5 feet from the northwest corner of your house, 13 feet from your neighbor to the north's house, and overhangs both houses. Recently, a large, heavy limb split and fell late at night damaging your neighbor's chimney, making a hole in her roof and landing within 2 feet of going through her bedroom window. The limb also destroyed a significant portion of your fence. The tremendous noise startled both you and your elderly neighbors, and you informed me that you are all extremely concerned about the possibility of limbs failing in the future, to the point that you have had to seek medical intervention because of the undue stress and anxiety you have been under related to the dangers imposed by the tree.

The tree is old and in poor condition. The foliage is rapidly thinning throughout the tree with significant dieback and only isolated areas left of more vigorous foliage. Additionally, there are several dead branches on the interior. This foliage pattern is indicative of over-maturity and approaching mortality. The wood is dry and the tree is no longer able to absorb, manufacture and transport the necessary water, minerals, and carbohydrates to sustain it. The excessive end weight on the long, heavy limbs is causing them to twist, split and fall. This is not unusual in the case of large, over mature trees such as this. The tree will continue to lose large limbs in the future, and there is a

Linda Yellich
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significant risk of property damage and/or personal injury, given the proximity of the tree to your house and that of your neighbor.

In addition to the danger of falling limbs, the tree poses a significant risk of root or trunk failure, especially during wet and windy conditions. The pattern of foliage dieback is indicative of loss or damage to the root system. Monterey Pines are a fairly shallow rooted tree, and the root system is somewhat restricted by the foundations of the nearby houses. A single, tall tree exposed to strong winds such as this is susceptible to uprooting, which would likely be disastrous in this case. Additionally, there are several large, deep vertical seams on the trunk of the tree, which can be an indication of internal decay and susceptibility to trunk failure.

An aerial inspection of the tree was performed by Jennifer Chapman, Certified Arborist, who confirmed the sparse foliage and dieback, along with poor attachments of large limbs and large, deep seams on the trunk. Based on her inspection, Ms. Chapman is of the opinion that the tree poses a high risk of branch failure, and that safety pruning to mitigate this hazard would likely hasten the decline of the tree. Accordingly, Ms. Chapman recommends the tree be considered for removal.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above, it is my opinion that the tree poses an unreasonable and imminent risk of damage to property and harm to persons, including yourself and your neighbors, and that there is no satisfactory method of significantly reducing the hazard short of removing the tree. Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the subject tree be removed and replaced with a Monterey Pine, Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), or Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*).

I have prepared and enclosed a completed ISA Tree Hazard Evaluation in which the tree rated 11 on the hazard evaluation scale, which rates trees from 3-12, with 12 being the highest risk. Also enclosed are photographs depicting the above conditions, and Ms. Chapman's findings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this report. Please contact me if you have any questions or I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



Joseph Bileci Jr.

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Aerial inspection performed for:
Linda Yellich
Camino Real 4 NW of Ocean Ave.
P.O. Box 3365
Carmel, CA. 93921
831 626 6606

Dear Mrs. Yellich,

At your request I performed an aerial inspection on a large Pine located at your property in Carmel. This inspection was done on Sunday, October 25, 2014.

I have attached photos of my findings, and they are taken from the top of the tree down to the lowest laterals.

This Monterey Pine is approximately 115-120 feet tall, and I estimate it to be around 100 years old. The canopy has an approximate spread of 70 feet. Although once residing in a surrounding forest, this tree is now standing alone, and completely exposed to all weather conditions. The targets include homes, and utility wires, parking, and roadways. The root crown is solid and has no signs of beetle activity. The overall foliage condition is sparse with dieback beginning at the top of the tree's canopy. There are several dead branches on the interior as well as some dieback on the tips. The tree is over producing pinecones, which is also an indication of maturity. The tree is not producing new wood. There are many old pruning cuts from previous weight reduction and safety pruning. The lower laterals have been raised up over the years. This tree has been well maintained.

The trunk of this tree has several large vertical seams that extend from 2 -6 feet long. In several places these seams are 3-4 inches deep. A seam can be an indication of internal decay and potential weakness. There are numerous far-reaching laterals that are quite large in diameter in comparison to the diameter of the stem. The compression wood is showing signs of stress, and it is questionable as to how long the branch attachments will continue to support the large amount of

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weight. In addition, there is a large lateral that recently failed onto the neighboring property. There is no sap production where the limb failed, and the tree is very dry.

In my opinion this Pine poses a high risk for branch failure. The branches are heavy and far-reaching, and the points of attachment are showing signs of stress. Safety pruning, or removing 25% of the tree's foliage would most likely add to the decline. In the event of heavy rainfall and winds, this tree stands very exposed, and has the potential of failure. The tree is mature and in the beginning stages of decline, and has multiple targets. I recommend this tree be further inspected by the city Forester, and be considered for removal.

All trees pose a certain level of risk and can be hazardous in the event of failure. As a certified arborist I can make observations and recommendations, but cannot guarantee safety of foresee the future in any way.

Thank you for requesting my inspection of this tree. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and or concerns. Thank you, Jennifer Chapman

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TREE HAZARD EVALUATION FORM 2nd Edition

Site/Address: CAMINO REAL NW OF OCEAN
 Map/Location: CARNEI, CA 93921
 Owner: public private unknown other
 Date: 10/30/14 Inspector: JOSEPH BILECI JR., I.S.A. Arb #985
 Date of last inspection: UNKNOWN

HAZARD RATING:

<u>4</u>	+	<u>3</u>	+	<u>4</u>	=	<u>11</u>
Failure Potential		Size of part		Target Rating		Hazard Rating

Immediate action needed
 Needs further inspection
 Dead tree Remove ASAP

TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Tree #: 1 Species: MONTEREY PINE (Pinus radiata)
 DBH: 56" # of trunks: 1 Height: 105' Spread: 60'
 Form: generally symmetric minor asymmetry major asymmetry stump sprout stag-headed
 Crown class: dominant co-dominant intermediate suppressed
 Live crown ratio: 60 % Age class: young semi-mature mature over-mature/senescent
 Pruning history: crown cleaned excessively thinned topped crown raised pollarded crown reduced flush cuts cabled/braced
 none multiple pruning events Approx. dates: UNKNOWN
 Special Value: specimen heritage/historic wildlife unusual street tree screen shade indigenous protected by gov agency

TREE HEALTH Between

Foliage color: normal chlorotic necrotic Epicormics? Y N
 Foliage density: normal sparse Leaf size: normal small
 Annual shoot growth: excellent average poor Twig Dieback? Y N
 Woundwood development: excellent average poor none
 Vigor class: excellent average fair poor
 Major pests/diseases: _____

Growth obstructions:

stakes wire/ties signs cables
 curb/pavement guards
 other NA

SITE CONDITIONS

Site Character: residence commercial industrial park open space natural woodland/forest
 Landscape type: parkway raised bed container mound lawn shrub border wind break
 Irrigation: none adequate inadequate excessive trunk wetted
 Recent site disturbance? Y N construction soil disturbance grade change line clearing site clearing
 % dripline paved: 0% 10-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100% Pavement lifted? Y N
 % dripline w/ fill soil: 0% 10-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100%
 % dripline grade lowered: 0% 10-25% 25-50% 50-75% 75-100%
 Soil problems: drainage shallow compacted droughty saline alkaline acidic small volume disease center history of fail
 clay expansive slope _____° aspect: _____
 Obstructions: lights signage line-of-sight view overhead lines underground utilities traffic adjacent veg. _____
 Exposure to wind: single tree below canopy above canopy recently exposed windward, canopy edge area prone to windthrow
 Prevailing wind direction: NW Occurrence of snow/ice storms never seldom regularly

TARGET

Use Under Tree: building parking traffic pedestrian recreation landscape hardscape small features utility lines
 Can target be moved? Y N Can use be restricted? Y N
 Occupancy: occasional use intermittent use frequent use constant use

TREE DEFECTS

ROOT DEFECTS:

Suspect root rot: Y N Mushroom/conk/bracket present: Y N ID: NA

Exposed roots: severe moderate low Undermined: severe moderate low NA

Root pruned: UNKNOWN distance from trunk Root area affected: NA % Buttress wounded: Y N UNKNOWN When: NA

Restricted root area: severe moderate low Potential for root failure: severe moderate low

LEAN: 5° deg. from vertical natural unnatural self-corrected Soil heaving: Y N NOT OBSERVED

Decay in plane of lean: Y N UNKNOWN Roots broken Y N UNKNOWN Soil cracking: Y N NOT OBSERVED

Compounding factors: LEAN TOWARD S.E. (OWNER'S HOUSE) - FOLIAGE HEAVILY WEIGHTED IN DIRECTION OF LEAN Lean severity: severe moderate low

CROWN DEFECTS: Indicate presence of individual defects and rate their severity (s = severe, m = moderate, l = low)

DEFECT	ROOT CROWN	TRUNK	SCAFFOLDS	BRANCHES
Poor taper		M		
Bow, sweep	NA			
Codominants/forks	NA			
Multiple attachments		S	S	
Included bark	NA			
Excessive end weight			S	S
Cracks/splits	NA			
Hangers	NA			
Girdling	L			
Wounds/seam		M-S		
Decay	NOT OBSERVED			
Cavity	NA			
Conks/mushrooms/bracket	NA			
Bleeding/sap flow		L		
Loose/cracked bark	M			
Nesting hole/bee hive	NA			
Deadwood/stubs				M
Borers/termites/ants	NA			
Cankers/galls/burls	NA			
Previous failure			M	

HAZARD RATING

Tree part most likely to fail: SCAFFOLDS, ROOTS

Inspection period: _____ annual _____ biannual _____ other NA

Failure Potential + Size of Part + Target Rating = Hazard Rating

4 + 3 + 4 = 11

Failure potential: 1 - low; 2 - medium; 3 - high; 4 - severe

Size of part: 1 - <6" (15 cm); 2 - 6-18" (15-45 cm); 3 - 18-30" (45-75 cm); 4 - >30" (75 cm)

Target rating: 1 - occasional use; 2 - intermittent use; 3 - frequent use; 4 - constant use

HAZARD ABATEMENT

Prune: remove defective part reduce end weight crown clean thin raise canopy crown reduce restructure shape NA

Cable/Brace: NA Inspect further: root crown decay aerial monitor NA

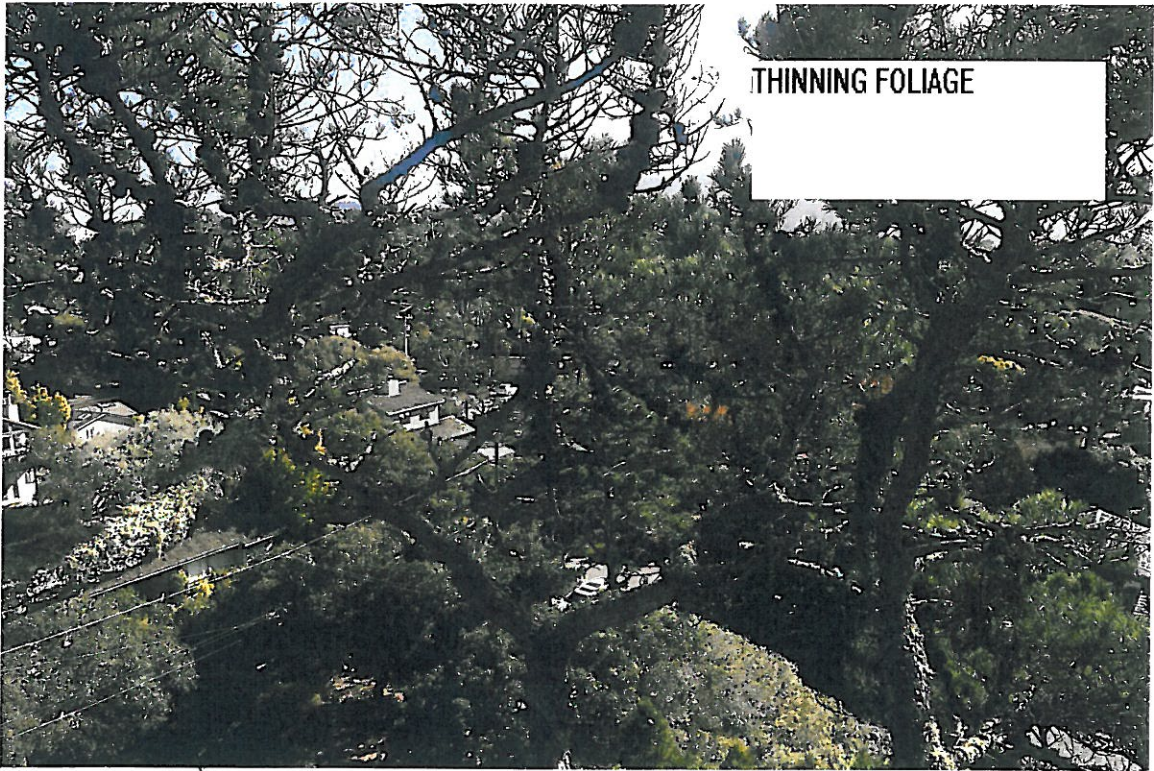
Remove tree: Y N Replace? Y N Move target: Y N Other: Replace with one Monterey Pine, Coast Live Oak (Quercus agrifolia) or Monterey Cypress (Cupressus macrocarpa)

Effect on adjacent trees: none evaluate

Notification: owner manager governing agency Date: 10/30/14

COMMENTS

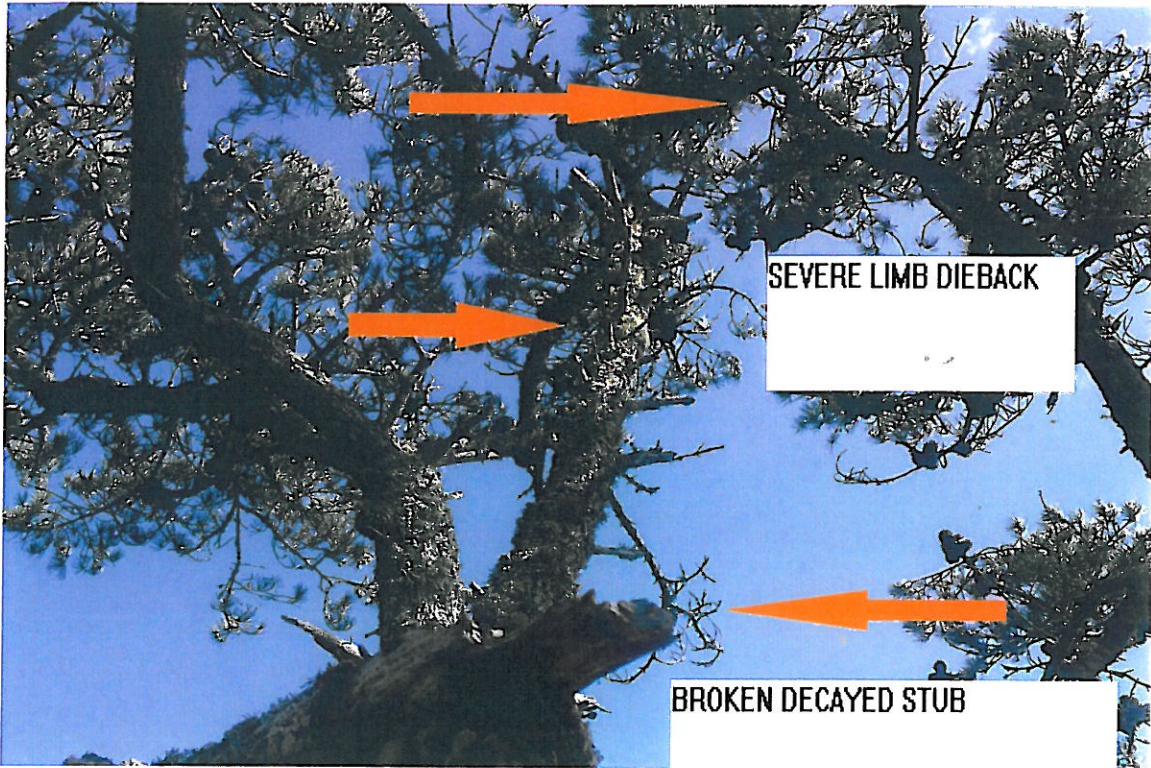
Foliage THINNING OUT, especially TOP 1/3. 5' FROM HOUSE, CHIMNEY, 13' FROM NEIGHBOR TO NORTH HOUSE.



THINNING FOLIAGE



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Mike Branson

From: Karen Sharp [karenssharp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 12:47 PM
To: Mike Branson; Sharon Friedrichsen; Jason Stilwell; Don Freeman
Cc: Linda Yellich; Cora Mae Duke
Subject: Monterey Pine Tree located at the residence of Mrs. Linda Yellich on 4 NW Camino Real Ocean

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Thank you for carefully considering the removal of this tree. I appreciate your time spent keeping our Forest and Beach healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Karen Sharp

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Karen Sharp - karencsharp@yahoo.com

Mike Branson

From: Knowna Phish [knownafish@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Mike Branson
Subject: Trees at 6th NE Ocean Ave. - Carmelo

To: Carmel-by-the-Sea Forest and Beach Committee

From: Marjorie Kitselman, Nona Fish

Date: Oct. 2, 2014

Re: 6th NE Ocean Ave.- Carmelo Property

Dear Forest and Beach Committee:

We understand that the property that is located just one street up the hill and slightly to the south of our house has a tall and large Monterey Pine growing in her backyard. Linda Yelch is the owner. Apparently, a few weeks ago, a branch broke off and caused some damage to her neighbor's property. The neighbors have called us and want our support on chopping down the pine tree as well as cutting limbs and branches growing over to her side of the fence, but stem from other trees planted on our side of the fence line.

We would like to have this in writing that we would NOT like the pine tree to be cut at all. And we especially DO NOT WANT to cut branches or limbs from the trees growing on our side of the property. We understand that there may be circumstances whereas the tree(s) is diseased or rotting, but that is another matter.

We live out of town and Carmel is our second home. It is also an investment. By cutting any branches off of our trees would GREATLY diminish the little privacy that the house has on being the neighbor "down the hill." We'd also lose a lot of shade. By removing any branch or tree would allow the neighbors higher than us able to have an unobstructed view right through to the master bedroom and bathroom, kitchen, dining room and any windowed area on the back side of our house. Not only do we not want to lose the trees because they are what give us as much privacy as possible, but they give us shade from the glares of the sun. The trees are a few of the favored points about this house that is valued and appealing to this property.

We also understand the reasons why a permit is necessary in Carmel and that careful consideration is given to retain the "beauty and charm" of what makes Carmel-by-the-Sea. The fact that the city is still among the trees and forest and not the other way around, the residents have continuously agreed to not infiltrate public street lights into residential areas and a plethora of other unique city codes that make this city what it is -- a unique place to live. These are also the SAME reasons why Carmel-by-the-Sea is where many other coastal cities do not make the grade.

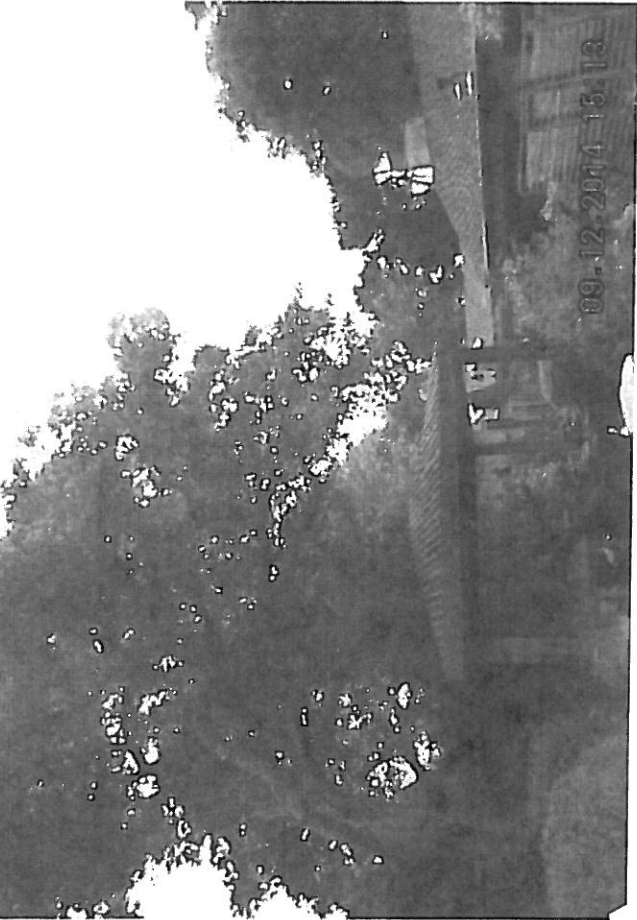
Please do not remove the tree or branches that would strip our house of privacy, shade and diminish our property in any way.

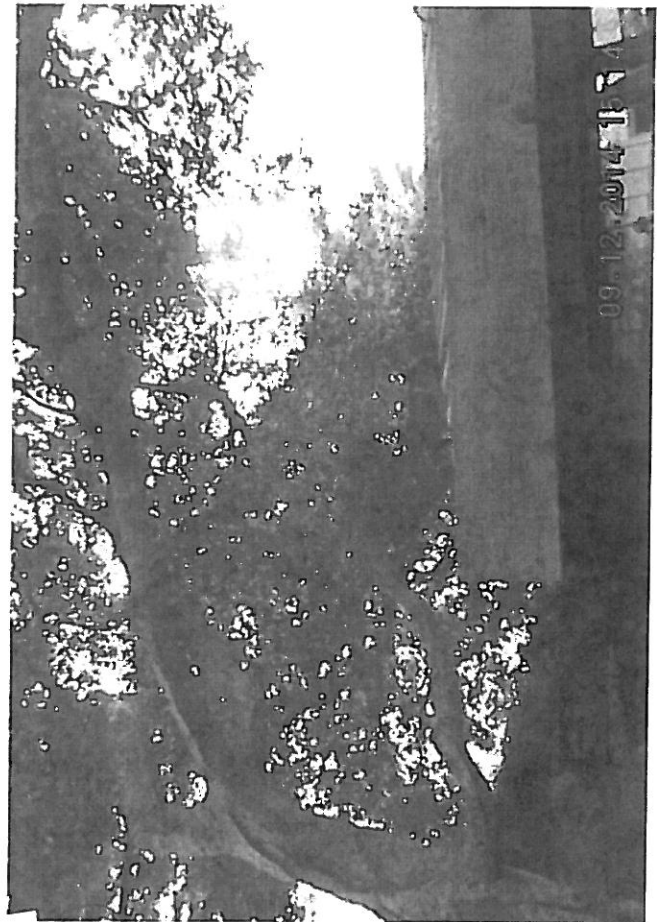
Sincerely,

Nona Fish & Marjorie Kitselman, owner

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Dear Mike,

In addition to my letter of petition to remove the pine tree located in the back yard of my property at Camino Real 4 NW of Ocean Ave there are 7 additional letters enclosed to support of the removal of the tree. Additional letters will be presented at the October 9, 2014 meeting.

The following is a list of residents who have provided letters of support for this tree removal.

Karen and David Sharp

Cora Mae Duke

Julie Culver

Michelle Yellich

Ruth Massero

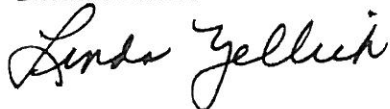
Marian and Bob Gould

Michael Iverson (Iverson Tree Service)

We are all looking forward to a resolution for this serious problem when we meet on October 9, 2014. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Linda Yellich



Linda C. Yellich
Camino Real 4 NW of Ocean Ave.
Carmel, California 93921

September 28, 2014

Dear Carmel Forest and Beach Commission,

As the owner of the property located at Camino Real 4 NW of Ocean Ave, I am requesting authorization to remove the large, dangerous Monterey Pine tree located in the back yard of my property.

This pine tree presents a clear and present danger to life and property and my neighbors and I are living in a state of constant fear because of it.

For the past 16 years I have tended and cared for the tree, keeping it trimmed and enjoying the beauty of it in our urban forest. However, everything changed on the night of August 30, 2014. As dinner guests were leaving my home around 9:30 P.M., we heard a horrendous cracking and popping sound that struck fear and panic in our hearts. We had no idea what was going on, but knew the sound was coming from the pine tree. It was pitch black and impossible to ascertain what was happening, but we knew it was a dangerous situation that required immediate action. As I scrambled to evacuate my houseguests, frantically call my immediate neighbors to warn them, and contact the fire department for assistance, I was in a state of panic. We had no idea of where to run for safety and we all feared that the entire tree was coming down. As the fire department arrived and shone a spotlight on the tree, a huge 30 ft limb broke free from the tree, crashing down and destroying my neighbor's chimney, damaging her roof and taking down our fence. The scariest part was that the huge branch just missed going through her bedroom window by less than 2 feet. It was a horrible event to witness. This was a warm night, no wind and no reason for this to happen except that the tree is old and past it's useful life. The branch that broke and fell looked healthy and viable and gave no visible sign of having problems.

This experience has left me in a state of continual fear, I can no longer feel safe in my beautiful home and I fear for the safety of my dear neighbors. I cannot be expected to live under these conditions.

As documented in the Journal of Arboriculture 20 (6) Nov., 1994, in the article "Patterns of Structural Failure in Monterey Pines" by Edberg, Berry and Costello, it is clear that the failure profile of the Monterey Pine tree is significantly greater than for other species, especially in relation to the greater frequency of branch failure. My tree is particularly at risk because of the advanced age, excessive height and large number of heavy pinecones located on the tapering branches.

I sincerely hope that the Beach and Forest Commission take into account the seriousness of this request and allow for the removal of this once healthy and beautiful tree whose useful life has passed. What remains now is the probability of damage to life and property and a neighborhood of extremely concerned residents who expect that the Carmel Forest and Beach Commission will honor the right of all citizens of our city to live in peace and safety.

Respectfully,

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Monterey Pine Tree located at the residence of Mrs. Linda Yellich on 4 NW Camino Real Ocean**From :** Karen Sharp <karencsharp@yahoo.com>

Tue, Sep 30, 2014 12:46 PM

Subject : Monterey Pine Tree located at the residence of Mrs. Linda Yellich on 4 NW Camino Real Ocean**To :** Mike Branson <mbranson@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Sharon Friedrichsen <sfriedrichsen@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Jason Stilwell <jstilwell@ci.carmel.ca.us>, Don Freeman <cityatty@ix.netcom.com>**Cc :** Linda Yellich <lindayellich@comcast.net>, Cora Mae Duke <corkyduke102@aol.com>**Reply To :** Karen Sharp <karencsharp@yahoo.com>

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Julie R. Culver
P.O. Box 2576 – Camino Real 4 N/E Ocean
Carmel, California 93921

September 29, 2014

Dear Forest and Beach Commissioners and Mike Branson:

I am a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea and a neighbor of Linda Yellich, who lives directly across the street from me. As a 14 year resident of Carmel, and a former member of the Planning Commission, I appreciate the “town within a forest” nature of our community. The native trees in our community are one of the special characteristics that make Carmel, Carmel.

As one who appreciates the trees in our community, I am also vividly aware that we need to care for the trees as they begin to age and reach the end of their lives. The tremendous Monterey Pine that is in the rear yard of Linda Yellich, has reached the stage of decline, and needs care and attention. At this stage, that care and attention will require removal of the tree.

Linda has paid wonderful care for this Monterey Pine since she has lived on Camino Real, first by having it beautifully trimmed, and for the past 15 years, maintaining it. Her attention to the tree has allowed it to live gracefully for these past few years.

Unfortunately, the tree has now reached the end of its life. This has become apparent as I have watched its upper canopy from my second floor balcony and seen its progression to a mass of sticks and twigs, dropping pine cones and limbs onto Linda’s home and her next door neighbor’s home. Most recently, I was leaving her home late one evening and heard a dramatic popping sound. The unusual sound was not immediately recognizable. When I realized the sound was coming from the tree, I yelled for Linda to come outside her home, worrying that the entire tree was falling. It was with great alarm that we heard the loud “crack” coming from the tree. It was after calling for emergency assistance that the 30 foot limb finally came crashing down, demolishing the neighbors chimney and the fence between the two homes. This event happened in August of this year on a completely calm evening.

The tree is dead or dying and is a hazard to the neighborhood and the neighbors. We were fortunate that the 85+ year old neighbor was not home the evening the limb came crashing onto the roof, demolishing the chimney and almost breaking the second story window of her home. This Monterey Pine is in need of removal from our town.

Thank you for your consideration and attention you pay to our community.

Kind regards,

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Beach and Forest Commission
PO Box CC
Carmel, CA 93921

RE: Request for Permit to remove hazardous tree at Yellich Residence - Camino Real 4NW of Ocean

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of my mother, Linda Yellich's request for a permit to remove the hazardous Pine tree on her residential property located at Camino Real 4 NW of Ocean Ave in Carmel-by-the-Sea.

I support the request to remove this tree as it has presented itself as a serious danger and hazard to any members of the public and any property located in its vicinity. Recently, a large branch fell and caused severe damage to the property fence and to the neighboring property's roof and chimney. Thankfully, there was only property damage and this unprovoked branch fall did not hurt my family or neighbors.

The tree has lived over 100 years. The recent "widow maker" limb fall occurred under perfectly fine weather conditions. There was no rain or wind that would have aided in the cause of the destructive and potentially deadly branch fall. I feel that the potential for another damaging limb break is critically high, especially should we encounter any winter storms as the tree would certainly be affected even more. I fear for the safety of my mother, our family, our home, and for the safety of any of our house guests, friends and neighbors.

I hope you will grant Linda Yellich the tree removal permit, so all of us living with loved ones near this death tree may finally sleep soundly at night.

Respectfully



Michelle Yellich
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Pine tree removal needed

From : Ruth Massaro <ruthmassaro@att.net>

Thu, Sep 25, 2014 04:03 PM

Subject : Pine tree removal needed

To : Lindayellich@comcast.net

Dear Forest and Beach Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the removal of the large old pine tree on Camino Real on the property of Ms. Linda Yellich. This large aging tree has become a threat to many homes in the area (including mine). This tree has been an ongoing hazard, and it is not getting any younger, healthier or safer!

I want to be clear that it is not at all a case of this tree affecting my "ocean view," --it is "behind" me, as I live on Carmelo. I love these magnificent trees, and would miss seeing this one, however the safety of scores of residents must come first.

Please consider removal of the tree, for all of our safety.

Thank you,

Ruth Massaro
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"The Tree"

From : Marian Gould <mhgould@icloud.com>

Fri, Sep 26, 2014 01:03 PM

Subject : "The Tree"

To : lindayellich@comcast.net

To the Forest and Beach Commission:

There is a huge tree on the south side of Camino Real midway between 4th & Ocean on the Yellich property.

Some years ago, for safety reasons, Linda Yellich and the neighborhood had agreed that "The Tree" needed to come down. It is so tall that many of the of the neighbors on Carmelo Street could also be affected and they have joined in. Permission was refused by the City.

With the recent failure of a large limb, which demolished a neighbors chimney, a new investigation of the safety problem of "The Tree" needs to be started. This should be done before the high winds and hopeful rains start. Great damage to nearby homes and possible loss of life is realistically very possible.

Respectfully,

Bob and Marian Gould

Tree Assessment

From : Itscvca <Itscvca@aol.com>

Mon, Sep 29, 2014 12:43 PM

Subject : Tree Assessment

To : lindayellich@comcast.net

September 29, 2014

To: The Forest and Beach Commission

From: Iverson's Tree Service

Re: Large Pine tree on Camino Real 4 NW of Ocean Ave

It is my opinion after observing a large Pine tree at the Yellich residence, that the tree is a hazard and should be removed. The tree has become too large for its urban setting. Branches are starting to break off. It has already lost limbs which have damaged the property. I feel that the tree is coming to the end of its life cycle anyway. It has been and will become a hazard to humans and the structures surrounding it.

Sincerely,

Michael Iverson

Iverson's Tree Service

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