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: Dan Kida

Date of evaluation: May 23, 2014

Scientific name: Cupressocyparis × leylandii

Common name: Leyland Cypress

Street address: 38 Newman St., SF CA

Cross streets: Holly Park

Rarity   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   X No

Rarity: ____Rare   ____Uncommon   X Common   ____Other
Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.
Comment: These trees are well adapted to Bay area and are used quite a bit for screening or ornament

Physical Attributes   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   X No

Size: ____Large   X Medium   ____Small
Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: good size for backyard tree but sie in line with what you would expect from this species

Age: ____Yes   X No
Significantly advanced age for the species.
Comment: _____

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Distinguished form: ____Yes   X No
Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.
Describe: Nice looking tree but not an unusually good appearance for this species. Quite a bit of ivy hides some of the form of this tree.

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Tree condition: X Good____Poor   ____Hazard
Consider overall tree health and structure, and whether or not tree poses a hazard

Describe: Tree appears healthy but large amount of duff at base could create rot. Lots of ivy along trunk.
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Historical   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   X No

Historical Association: ____ Yes   ____ None apparent
Related to a historic or cultural building, site, street, person, event, etc.
Describe nature of appreciation: could not find any reference to tree
Profiled in a publication or other media: ____Yes   X Unknown
Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. **Attach documentation** if appropriate.
Describe coverage: No references could be found

Environmental   ___ Yes   ___ Partially   X No

Prominent landscape feature: ____Yes   X No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: Can see from side streets but not a prominent feature, considering Holly Park up street

Low tree density: ____Low   X Moderate   ____High
Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.
Describe: Park is up street but low density without park trees

Interdependent group of trees: ____Yes   X No
This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.
Describe: _____

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Visible or Accessible from public right-of-way: ____Yes   X No
High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: _____

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High traffic area: ____Yes   X 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: _____

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Important wildlife habitat: ____Yes   X No

Species has a known relationship with a particular local wildlife species or it provides food, shelter, or nesting to specific known wildlife individuals. _Likely that birds or other animals use this tree but I could not see any activity while on site

Erosion control: ____Yes   X No
Tree prevents soil erosion.
Describe: _____

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Wind or sound barrier: X Yes ____No
Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.
Describe: Not siginifcant but does provide shade for backyard and screen from adjacent homes

Cultural   ___ Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Neighborhood appreciation: ____ Yes   X None apparent
Multiple indicators such as letters of support, petition, outdoor gatherings, celebrations adjacent or related to tree, etc. Attach documentation:
Describe: As of 6/23/14, have not received any other show of support for tree outside of home owner

Cultural appreciation: ____Yes   X None apparent
Particular value to certain cultural or ethnic groups in the city.
Describe nature of appreciation: _____

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Planting contributes to neighborhood character: ____Yes   X No
Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.
Describe contribution: can definitely see from uphill and other vantage points in neighborhood but not main landscape feature in neighborhood

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

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Prominent landscape feature: ____Yes   X No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: _____

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Additional comments

Very nice tree(s) but typically of species in Northern California.