

**January 27, 2012 Urban Forestry Council Meeting Audio File on Groves
DPW Presentation**

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- City Atty rep not enthusiastic about landmarking groves of trees even though it was historically part of the Public Works Code
- Concern is use of groves likely to be used as means of stopping a develop project
- With current DPW code...people still have opportunity to landmark groves of trees but have to do them individually...higher standard by looking at each tree even though they may function as a grove and that could still be one of the considerations for landmarking and have a more thorough look at merits of the trees
- DPW is concerned so the grove language was taken out of the code when the revision was made the last time around
- Landmark process was used...misused a number of times...trees nominated that were obviously for a tree that was not worthy of landmark status
- Landmark trees... must be used for the most important trees or it dilutes the value of having extraordinary trees get that higher landmark tree status

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- Stated that it's better to landmark trees individually; however, each one may not be landmarkable though collectively they could be
 - One criteria is that it plays a part of a grove...grove would be looked at as a grove but each tree would have to be looked at individually
 - Need to continue discussion about Landmark Groves