

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: July 24th, 2015

Scientific name: Araucaria columnaris

Common name: Cook pine

Street address: 46 A Cook St, San Francisco

Cross streets: Geary Blvd

Rarity ___ Yes Partially ___ No

Rarity: ___ Rare Uncommon ___ Common ___ Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.

Comment: _____

Physical Attributes ___ Yes Partially ___ No

Size: ___ Large Medium ___ Small

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

Comment: Large tree for neighborhood but not large for species _____

Age: ___ Yes No

Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: ~100 yrs, based on age of carriage house

Distinguished form: Yes ___ No

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

Describe: slight lean with raised ground opposite lean. Nice symmetry and taper. Possibly quite a bit of limb removal in lower 3rd of tree.

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Tree condition: Good Poor Hazard

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

Describe: Was not able to get close enough view or perform any true diagnostics. Tree appears healthy.

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: Mainly through it's association with carriage house.

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: _____

Environmental Yes Partially No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____ prominent in view from Euclid. Contributes to SF landscape.

Low tree density: Low Moderate High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

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: _____

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: need to be at a higher elevation vantage point to really view in context of neighborhood. Not very visible from Geary.

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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: Don't believe tree has impact on calming traffic influence

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. No wildlife observed but very likely that birds use as perch or used by squirrels. No nests identified.

Erosion control: Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____ flat backyard

Wind or sound barrier: Yes No

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: I don't think structure of this type of tree mitigates effects of wind very well

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: _____ very strong immediate community support for tree

Cultural appreciation: Yes None apparent

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

Describe nature of appreciation:

Planting contributes to neighborhood character: Yes No

Tree contributes significantly to, or represents, neighborhood aesthetic.

Describe contribution: backyard tree. Maybe contributed to character when part of pair of trees.

Profiled in a publication or other media: Yes Unknown

