

Summary of Leyland Cypress Trees Nominations for Landmark Tree

July 25, 2014 UFC Meeting

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Two Leyland cypress trees (*Cupressobyparis leylandii* aka *Cuprocyparis leylandii*) were nominated by the property owner, Ms. Jaylan Turkkkan, at 38 Newman Street, Block 5715, Lot 014.

Ms. Turkkkan expressed that the trees were very large and beautiful and wanted them to be recognized for the specialness that they were. Her arborist report stated that the trees were in good condition and provided wind, noise and privacy control. She stated that her next door neighbor planted the trees about 40 years ago.

Issues brought up by the LTC in terms of the criteria in the Landmark Tree Ordinance were:

- trees were common
- not of advanced age
- were medium – not particularly large for the species
- did not satisfy most of the criteria for landmarking in the categories of historical or cultural appreciation

The vote was 4-0 to recommend to the full UFC not to landmark both cypress trees.

SUMMARY OF NOMINATOR / EVALUATOR RESPONSES for Leyland's Cypresses at 38 Newman St.							
Nominator / Evaluator	PROPERTY OWNER	HILLSON	HILLAN	HUI	KIDA	SHORT	SWAE
*** RARITY ***	common	uncommon	common	common	common	common	common
*** PHYSICAL ***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Size	medium	medium	medium	medium	medium	large	large
Advanced age for species	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Distinguished Form	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Condition	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
*** HISTORICAL ***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Historical association	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Media or print	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Prominent landscape feature	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Low tree density	high	moderate	high	moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate
Interdepn't group of trees	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Visible/access. fr/ Public ROW	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
High traffic area	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Important wildlife habitat	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Erosion control	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Wind or sound barrier	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
*** CULTURAL ***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Neighborhood appreciation	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cultural appreciation	None apparent	None apparent	None apparent	None apparent	None apparent	None apparent	None apparent
Contribution to ngrhhd character	Yes	No	No	No	No	Blank	Yes
*Note: Responses are for both cypress trees unless indicated otherwise.							