

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: MALCOLM HILLAN
 Date of evaluation: 9.28.18
 Scientific name: AESCULUS CALIFORNICA
 Common name: CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE
 Street address: 2694 McALLISTER
 Cross streets: N. WILLARD ST.

Rarity Yes Partially No

Rarity: Rare Uncommon Common Other

Unusual species in San Francisco or other geographic regions.
 Comment: WHILE NOT A RARE TREE, EXAMPLES OF NATIVE SAN FRANCISCO TREES OF THIS STATURE ARE RARE. THERE ARE PROBABLY FEW TREES INDIGENOUS TO S.F. (SPP. OF) THIS IS ONE.

Physical Attributes Yes Partially No

Size: Large Medium Small
 Notable size compared to other trees of the same species in San Francisco.

Comment: VERY LARGE SPECIMEN, ESPECIALLY FOR AN URBAN SETTING. TRULY UNUSUAL.

Age: Yes No ?
 Significantly advanced age for the species.

Comment: NO IDEA, BUT FOR THE SPECIES, WHICH IS GENERALLY SHORT-LIVED, THIS ONE IS FAR ALONG, WITHOUT DOUBT.

Distinguished form: Yes No
 Tree is an example of good form for its species, has a majestic quality or otherwise unique structure.

Describe: CONSIDERING THE LIMITS OF THE SITE, AMAZINGLY ATTRACTIVE.

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Tree condition: ___ Good ___ Poor ___ Hazard FAIR

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

Describe: _____

TREE IS OLD, W/ SOME LARGE CUTS... MAY LEAD TO ROT AT SOME POINT. APPARENTLY SOUND FOR THE TIME BEING.

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: _____

ASSOCIATION w/ FARMHOUSE SITE, C. 1900

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: _____

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE...

Environmental Yes ___ Partially ___ No

Prominent landscape feature: Yes ___ No

A striking and outstanding natural feature.

Describe, attach photo if possible: _____ STUNNING, FOR LOCATION

Low tree density: Low ___ Moderate ___ High

Tree exists in a neighborhood with very few trees.

Describe: _____

Interdependent group of trees: ___ Yes ___ No UNKNOWN

This tree in an integral member of a group of trees and removing it may have an adverse impact on adjacent trees.

Describe: _____ IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS ABSCISS

PARTIALLY PROTECTS/SUPPORTS THE ADJACENT UMBELLIFERIA, (IN ITSELF AN OUTSTANDING, LANDMARK-WORTHY SPECIMEN.)

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

High visibility and/or accessibility from public property.

Describe: _____ COULDN'T BE MORE VISIBLE

OR STRIKING, FROM 270° AND THE PROPERTIES IT OCCUPIES.

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High traffic area: ___ Yes ___ No

MODERATE

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: _____

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.

UNKNOWN.

Erosion control: ___ Yes No

Tree prevents soil erosion.

Describe: _____

Wind or sound barrier: ___ Yes ___ No

MINIMAL

Tree reduces wind speed or mitigates undesirable noise.

Describe: _____

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: _____

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: _____

TREE
THIS TREE DEFINES THE SECTION OF
Mc ALLISTER IT OCCUPIES / DOMINATES.

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Tree has received coverage in print, internet, video media, etc. Attach documentation if appropriate.
Describe coverage: _____

Prominent landscape feature: Yes No
A striking and outstanding natural feature.
Describe, attach photo if possible: "STRIKING AND OUTSTANDING"
SAY TO ALL

Additional comments

THIS TREE, AND ITS NEIGHBORING
UMBELLULARIA, ARE EXAMPLES OF WHY
THE LANDMARK TREE ORDINANCE
SHOULD EXIST. I HAVE LONG WAITED
AND HOPED FOR THIS TREE TO COME
BEFORE US, AND LO AND BEHOLD: ANDREW
WOLFRAM AND THE HPL HAVE BROUGHT
IT FORTH. THANK YOU! (MY ONLY
QUESTION: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF
THE UMBELLULARIA?!) TO VOTE
TO LANDMARK SUCH A BEAUTIFUL,
BIG, DISTINGUISHED S.F. NATIVE TREE
IS TRULY AN HONOR!