

Business item #4. He stated three specific aspects of the recommendation, as noted in his letter.

REPORTS

1. **Discussion regarding power line undergrounding in relation to trees in the public right-of-way** – Ed Walton presented information about undergrounding utilities. He spoke in particular about three SDG&E rules:
 - 20A - Utilities pay for all infrastructures, including the wires and repairs. Certain criteria qualifies use of these funds, such as if the undergrounding will eliminate or avoid a concentration of overhead lines; if it is a street extensively used by the public with heavy pedestrian/vehicle volume; if it passes through a civic area of public use, a park or a very scenic area; and if the street is classified as an arterial or major collector's street.
 - 20B – If 20A qualifications are not met, individuals or groups of individuals can get together and say they want to underground their area. Examples of qualifying criteria are that it must be one full block or 600 feet, whichever is less; all property owners must agree they want this and accept underground service; and property owners must pay to install, or have installed, all infrastructures, such as conduits and wires.
 - 20C – This rule is typically for very small conversions where the entity pays in advance; they pay the actual cost less any refund for the overhead system.

Ed Walton said a couple of 20B's have been tried in Coronado, such as on Margarita Avenue, but nothing came to fruition. He also spoke more about 20A funding and said Coronado's undergrounding funding comes from a surcharge of just over 1% on residents' electric bills. The last time Coronado undergrounded utilities was about 6 years ago at Star Park Circle. Shannon Player talked about how the trees along Margarita Avenue are continually being topped and growing deformed and lateral on one side, causing weight and wrong growth structure. Liza Butler spoke of the Silver Strand Beautification Project which began in the early 1990's and evolved into the City-sponsored Silver Strand Corridor Management Committee. Some of the first projects were two undergrounding projects, one at the north end of the Strand where the Nature's Bridge to Discovery was built; the other south of the Cays, toward Imperial Beach. Ultimately, the single biggest thing that would improve the appearance and the biological integrity of the Silver Strand was to underground the utilities. The final and last stage would go to the State Park/Navy housing. She said she is here to support the efforts to plan the undergrounding of all utilities in Coronado.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of changing Street Tree Committee regular meeting day** – The Committee decided to defer the final decision until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Susan Ryan requests the removal of one Eucalyptus Ficifolia tree in front of the property at 968 G Avenue** – The request was denied, with motion by Nancy Cuddy, seconded by Shannon Player, and with three yeas. The tree does not meet the criteria for removal as set forth by the Tree Master Plan.
2. **Cathy Brown requests the removal of one Afrocarpus tree in front of the property at 710 Second Street.** – The Committee decided to defer this item until the remaining members of the Committee are present next month, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Don Hale, and with three yeas. There was further discussion about providing regular maintenance to the tree, which would enable everyone to properly assess whether it should, in fact, be removed. The initial motion was amended, with motion by Shannon Player to allow the City to proceed with regular maintenance to this tree and reconsider the removal request at next month's meeting, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas.
3. **Alexander Calhoun requests the removal of one Tabebuia Ipe tree in front of the property at 717 Second Street.** – The request was denied, with motion to allow the one limb dominant to the left side (the house side) to be removed as a first measure before considering removal of the tree. The motion was put forth by Shannon Player, seconded by Don Hale, and with three yeas.
4. **Discussion - Letter from resident (John Tato) proposing Tree Master Plan amendment** – The Committee decided to defer this item until the remaining members of the Committee are present next month, with motion by Shannon Player, seconded by Nancy Cuddy, and with three yeas.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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