



CITY OF SACRAMENTO

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

PARKS DIVISION

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Parks Superintendent

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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Street Tree Master Plan

SUMMARY

This report responds to the Council's Budget and Finance Committee request of August 27, 1985 asking for information regarding procedure to develop a Street Tree Master Plan. It is recommended that staff direct the Street Tree Task Force to formulate guidelines for the development of a City of Sacramento, Street Tree Master Plan. This report would be due no later than December 1986.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City of Sacramento has over 1,000 miles of City streets. Most of the streets are planted with street trees. It is estimated that there are well over 200,000 of these street trees although an accurate inventory has never been completed. There are all ages of street trees represented from the newly planted saplings to overly matured and deteriorating older trees. The streets range from quiet neighborhood collector streets through multi-laned arterial expressways.

Developing a master street tree plan for a city the size of Sacramento will be a major undertaking, therefore careful guidelines for developing the plan are extremely important. These guidelines should be developed by the Street Tree Task Force. The Task Force would decide the following:

1. Must an inventory be made of each street within the city before a plan can be developed?
2. Is the existing incomplete street tree inventory satisfactory for master planning?

3. What should the street tree plan cover?
 - a. Arterial streets only
 - b. Arterial streets and collector streets only
 - c. Arterial streets, collector streets and residential streets
4. What type of tree planting will the plan call for?
 - a. Monoculture block-by-block
 - b. Monoculture street-by-street
 - c. Monoculture on specific streets and mixed planting on other streets
 - d. Mixed tree planting.
5. What tree planting selection will be made for various size planting areas (between curb and sidewalk)?
 - a. Three to five foot planting area.
 - b. Five to eight foot planting area.
 - c. Eight foot and above planting area
6. Should the tree planting create a canopy above the streets?
7. What type of tree planting should be made in cut outs in sidewalks?
 - a. Three foot square
 - b. Four foot square
 - c. Five foot square
8. How will the monoculture planting in areas currently planted be handled?
 - a. Modesto Ash planting
 - b. Sycamore planting
 - c. Elm tree planting
9. If a planting plan is adopted, what will be the fate of existing trees which do not conform to the planting plan?
10. How do we resolve the conflict when individual property owners want to plant different species or no tree at all?

FINANCIAL DATA

No costs are identified at this time. After the Street Tree Task Force report has been received and approved, funding needs should be considered. It will then be necessary for the Parks Division to prepare estimates and request funding during the Fiscal Year 1987-1988 budget preparation.

RECOMMENDATION

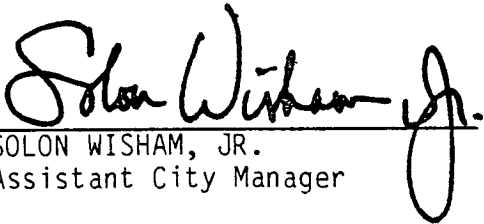
Staff will direct the Street Tree Task Force to formulate guidelines for the development of a City of Sacramento Street Tree Master Plan. It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee receive this report for informational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation approved:



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