EL CAMINO FICUS
STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

REPORT TO
THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

MARCH 14, 2019
PETITION ISSUES
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FIELD SURVEY: REPAIR HISTORY RESULTS

REPAIRS

- 15, 88%
- 15, 88%
- 1, 6%
- 1, 6%
- 0%

- 1 QUADRANT REPAIR
- 2 QUADRANT REPAIRS
- 3 QUADRANT REPAIRS
- 4 QUADRANT REPAIRS

REPAIR TYPE

- 12, 71%
- 5, 29%

- 1 PANEL REPLACEMENT
- 2 PANEL REPLACEMENT/GRIND
FIELD SURVEY: EFFECT OF NARROW SETBACK

LEANING TREES

- 10, 59%
- 7, 41%

1 NO LEAN
2 LEAN TOWARDS STREET
SOLUTIONS
STREET TREE MASTER PLAN GOALS:

- TREE IS LESS DISRUPTIVE
- TREE IS APPROPRIATE TO SETBACK
- TREE(S) ADD TO THE IDENTITY OF THE STREET
EL CAMINO FICUS STMP

PLANTING THEMES
TREE SPECIES CHOICES

Tree Information Sheet
Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica)

Native to China, the Crape Myrtle is a slow growing, deciduous tree. The low branching habit of the Crape Myrtle lends itself to a vase shaped tree, reaching 30 feet with age. The Crape Myrtle has become a popular street tree due to its medium size and prolific, long lasting, summer flower displays. New sprig leaves emerge a reddish bronze color, maturing to a glossy green. Clusters of white to red flowers develop at the ends of branches during the summer months. The tree requires trim pruning when young and routine pruning to maintain shape and promote airflow through the crown as the tree matures. The bark of Crape Myrtle is thin and care must be taken to prevent injury when working near the trunk.

The Crape Myrtle is available in 36-inch box size containers. At the time of installation, a 36 inch box tree would be approximately 8 feet tall, with a crown spread of approximately 5 feet.

Examples of maturing Crape Myrtle can be found on Lomita Drive near Foothill Road. Younger Crape Myrtles can be found on Spalding Drive between Santa Monica and Olympic Boulevards.

Tree Information Sheet
Mexican Fan Palm (Washingtonia robusta)

Native to northwestern Mexico, the Mexican Fan palm grows approximately one foot per year, reaching heights of 100 feet or more in a century. A single trunk holds approximately 50 fronds.

The Mexican Fan Palm is a popular average tree in temperate regions and is considered one of the “signature” trees of Southern California. The palm is a good fit for an avenue with narrow spaces between the buildings and the street. New fronds grow from the top of the trunk, with clusters of white flowers emerging from three-foot long stems in the crown. Seeds can be nuisance if not trimmed off annually. Spiral fronds tend to persist on the stem but can drop off unexpectedly if not pruned off regularly.

The Mexican Fan Palm is typically planted bare root. At the time of installation, a palm would be approximately 10 feet tall. The crown is fed until the root system is established. Once opened, the crown of the tree is approximately 15 feet wide.

There are hundreds of examples of mature Mexican Fan Palms in the City of Beverly Hills, with some approaching State Champion size on North Canyon Drive and North Beverly Drive. Younger Mexican Fan Palms can be found on North Robertson Boulevard and North Canon Road.
City of Beverly Hills
100 Block El Camino Ficus
Street Tree Master Plan Ballot

Replacement trees (please choose only one of the selections)

☐ 1. Remove Ficus trees, replace with Crape Myrtle tree.

☐ 2. Remove Ficus trees, replace with 10 foot tall Mexican Fan Palms.

☐ 3. Remove Ficus trees, replace with alternating Crape Myrtle/Mexican Fan Palms.

Thank you for returning your ballot in the attached self-addressed envelope by (insert date here)

BALLOT
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. ACCEPT STAFF REPORT INTO THE RECORD

2. DIRECT STAFF TO BALLOT PROPERTY OWNERS TO DETERMINE DESIRED PLANTING THEME AND CORRESPONDING REPLACEMENT TREE SPECIES

3. DIRECT STAFF TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ONLY WHEN THE REQUISITE 50% PLUS RESPONSE TO THE BALLOTTING IS RECEIVED TO SEEK COMMISSION SUPPORT PRIOR TO PRESENTING THE PLAN FOR APPROVAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL