

City of Santa Rosa



Legislation Details

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| File #: | 23-0873 | Version: | 1 | Name: | Bunya Bunya Appeal |
| Type: | CC- Public Hearing | Status: | | Status: | Agenda Ready |
| File created: | 11/20/2023 | In control: | | In control: | City Council |
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| Title: | PUBLIC HEARING - BUNYA BUNYA TREE REMOVAL APPEAL (THIS ITEM HAS BEEN CONTINUED TO A DATE UNCERTAIN) | | | | |

BACKGROUND: The Salvation Army (appellant) submitted an application to remove a Bunya Bunya tree in September 2022, which was denied by the Director and appealed to the Planning Commission. On September 14, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 5-2 to uphold the Director's decision. On September 25, 2023, an Appeal Form was received pursuant to City Code Chapter 17-24, the appellant submitted the subject Appeal application, appealing the Planning Commission's decision.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Planning Commission and the Planning and Economic Development Department that the Council, by resolution, deny the Appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's denial of a Tree Permit to remove an approximately 125-foot Araucaria Bidwillii (Bunya Bunya tree) located at 1080 2nd Street.

Sponsors: Planning and Economic Development

Indexes: Exempt Project

Code sections: 15061(b)(3) - General Rule Exemption

Attachments: 1. Staff Report, 2. Attachment 1 - Disclosure Form, 3. Attachment 2 - Appeal Application, 4. Attachment 3 - 2023 Denial Letter & Tree Application, 5. Attachment 4 - Arborist Report, prepared by Sandborn Tree Service, Inc., date stamped received August 31, 2022, and correspondence, 6. Attachment 5 - Arborist Report, prepared by Vintage Tree Care, dated February 5, 2023, with photos, 7. Attachment 6 - Tree Ordinance (City Code Chapter 17-24), 8. Attachment 7 - 2019 Denial Letter and related correspondence, 9. Attachment 8 - 2008 Denial Letter, 10. Attachment 9 - 1999 Council and Planning Commission minutes, resolutions and staff report, 11. Attachment 10 - Policy Statement, 12. Attachment 11 - Location & Neighborhood Context Map, 13. Attachment 12 - Public Correspondence, 14. Attachment 13 - Request for more information, 15. Attachment 14 - Risk Assessment, dated August 24, 2023, 16. Attachment 15 - Bunya Pine Risk Response September 1, 2023, 17. Attachment 16 - Arborist Response (Frey, September 8, 2023), 18. Attachment 17 - Planning Commission Minutes, 19. Attachment 18 - Planning Commission Resolution No PC-2023-021, 20. Attachment 19 - Public Correspondence, 21. Resolution, 22. Public Hearing Notice - Mailing, 23. Public Hearing Notice, 24. Staff Presentation, 25. Appellant Presentation

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