From:	Buckheit, Lani
To:	PLANCOM - Planning Commission
Cc:	Murray, Susie
Subject:	PC Late Correspondence - Item 9.1 and 9.3
Date:	Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:52:49 PM
Attachments:	Staff Presentation (Revised) - Item 9.1.pdf Late Correspondence - Item 9.1.pdf PC Meeting Minutes, June 17, 2004 - Item 9.3.pdf Staff Presentation (revised) - Item 9.3.pdf Late Correspondence - Item 9.3.pdf

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Chair Weeks and members of the Planning Commission,

The reason for this email is to provide you with late correspondence for items 9.1 - Bunya Bunya and 9.3 – 7-Eleven, scheduled for this week's PC meeting on 8/24. Please see attached.

This will also be added to the agenda.

Thank you!

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From: Patrice Giansante
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment: Bunya Bunya Tree Removal
Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:32:04 AM

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,
My husband and I are opposed to the removal of this very old, healthy and stately tree on Second Street.
Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the Planning Commission Meeting on Thursday, August 24.

We live on Stanford Street and walk by this tree several times a week. This is the second letter to the City we have sent.

There is another Bunya Bunya tree on the Square downtown. Certainly if the tree is healthy and properly maintained it is not a nuisance. It seems like the tree on Second Street can also be properly maintained and allowed to live.

This tree is older than any of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrice and Thomas Giansante
123 Stanford Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

From: Lorelei Hess
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bunya Bunya Tree
Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 7:12:08 PM

Dear Susie Murray,

I support the Planning Commission's decision to keep the Bunya Bunya Tree.

It feels like a waste of time, resources, energy & attention of the staff and public to keep this conversation going. It feels disrespectful to the Planning Commission.

Also the tree is on 2nd St and I'm not sure what dba stands for? Especially in relation to the residents of Silvercrest since the residents of Silvercrest are on 3rd/4th street and far away from the Tree.

Thank you; I appreciate and support your original decision to keep the Tree.

Warm regards!

Lorelei E. Hess

From: dmborn@aol.com
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bunya Bunya Tree appeal
Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 1:45:39 PM

What is the basis for the request to remove tree.? I recall about 40 years ago Salvation Army wanted to cut this same tree down and it was denied by the city. I was on council at the time and supported the refusal to cut down the tree. Because they were afraid of falling cones we told them trees did not form cones often or many cones and when they did they should block off area under fence and/or have the cones removed. It is a beautiful and fairly rare tree and citizens of Santa Rosa deserve to have it in our city. It should not be destroyed when there are fairly uncomplicated ways to make it safe.
Thank you. I am assuming the falling cones are reason for request to remove. If not please let me know what is the reason. Thank you, Donna Born 707 888 1271

From: Tom Murphy
To: Murray, Susie
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] TR22-062 Bunya
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 4:55:17 PM

Thanks, Susie.

Sounds like my neighbor is going to meet next week with the chief enforcement guy and other staff about how to save the historic redwood tree. Meanwhile, the fines have been suspended and the city admitted the problem existed long before the Williams bought the property last year.

I hope it goes well. IMHO, the proper solution will require the city's help because the bump-out would have to extend into 13th St (city property) and thus require the city's involvement to ensure the alley, which is higher, and street connect properly over a drainage conduit.

Thanks for whatever help you've provided!

Cheers, Tom

Tom Murphy
415 924 3364

From: Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:03:41 PM
To: Tom Murphy <murphy@redwoodage.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] TR22-062 Bunya

Tom,

I've added your comments to the public record and they'll be reviewed by the Planning Commission prior to taking action on the Appeal.

Thank you for taking time to provide comments.

Susie

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Please consider the environment before printing.

I am working remotely during this time. The City of Santa Rosa has restricted City facilities to the public and is offering in-person City Hall support by appointment only. The Planning and Economic Development Department has recently launched its Planning Application Portal which contains process checklists for the majority of planning entitlements. You can also check on the status of your permit application here. For general planning inquiries, please contact planning@srcity.org. To submit permit application materials, please submit all required documents to permitsubmittal@srcity.org.

From: Tom Murphy <murphy@redwoodage.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2023 10:58 AM
To: Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] TR22-062 Bunya

Hi Susie

I cannot attend the meeting, but I'm attaching a comment for the 8/24 Planning Commission meeting re TR22-62, the Bunya Bunya tree at 1080 Second. I'm supporting staff's denial of the permit.

Thank you!

Tom

Tom Murphy
1505 13th St
Santa Rosa
415 924 3364

From: Murray, Susie
To: Evan Hughes
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Comment Regarding Proposal #TR22-062 "Bunya Bunya - Tree Removal"
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 6:50:00 PM

Mr. Hughs,

I'm waiting on an evaluation of the tree from a second arborist. Upon receipt, I will be taking action. When I do, I'll send a Notice of Action. If you received a Notice of Application, you should receive this one too. If you didn't, please email again towards the end of next week.

Thanks much.

Susie

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From: Evan Hughes <shalestonehughes@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Comment Regarding Proposal #TR22-062 "Bunya Bunya - Tree Removal"

Ms. Murray,

Just checking in, was a decision made regarding the Bunya Bunya tree (TR22-062)?

Thanks so much,

Evan Hughes
707-721-2558

On Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 1:04 PM Evan Hughes <shalestonehughes@gmail.com> wrote:

> OK, thank you for the update, I (and my neighbors) really appreciate the time and attention your office is paying to this issue given the tree's importance to the neighborhood and the community.
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> Thanks again, and happy holidays,
>
> Evan Hughes

On Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 11:49 AM Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org> wrote:

> Hi Evan,
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> It hasn't been acted upon yet. The City's hired a consulting arborist that will be inspecting the tree in late January or early February. He'll be going to the top of the tree to see what's up with the three leaders (I think that's what they're called). Another notice will be sent when I act (approve or deny) the permit, but feel free to check back the first week of February.
>
> Happy holidays.
>
> Susie

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From: Evan Hughes <shalestonehughes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Comment Regarding Proposal #TR22-062 "Bunya Bunya - Tree Removal"

Ms. Murray,

I hadn't seen or heard anything regarding the proposed removal of the Bunya Bunya Tree located at 50 Montgomery Drive (TR22-062) and I wanted to make sure I didn't miss something. Was the proposal (hopefully) rejected?

Thanks so much,

Evan Hughes
707-721-2558

On Thu, Oct 13, 2022 at 11:02 AM Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org> wrote:

> Hi Evan,
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> Thank you for sending in your comments. I will be sending a Notice of Action when I act of the requested tree removal. If you haven't heard anything by the first week of December, feel free to check back in for a status update.

Susie

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From: Evan Hughes <shalestonehughes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Murray, Susie <SMurray@srcity.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment Regarding Proposal #TR22-062 "Bunya Bunya - Tree Removal"

To Susie Murray, Senior Planner, City of Santa Rosa

I am writing to respond to the proposed removal of the Bunya Bunya Tree located at 50 Montgomery Drive (TR22-062). I provided written comment in 2019 when Ms. King attempted to have the tree removed, and my previous comments still hold true. I live on Pierce St. roughly 100 ft from this tree. I've spoken with my neighbors, and we were all shocked to hear that the Bunya Bunya tree might be destroyed.

This tree is a very rare species, native to Australia and capable of growing in only a limited range of habitats. Given its size, it is almost certainly over 110 years old and was alive and growing decades before the nearby houses and offices were built in the early 20th century. Luther Burbank himself had a Bunya Bunya tree growing in his home garden for many years, and their rarity in the US suggests that he very likely had a hand in planting and/or protecting the tree currently facing removal.

Large mature trees like this are a precious resource, made more vital with the now-yearly threat of wildfire. They beautify our streets and neighborhoods and provide shade to passersby as well as a habitat for various wild animals. They are an essential part of what makes Santa Rosa such a special place to live, and once these giants are gone there is nothing that people can build to replace them, and no amount of money can bring them back.

Thank you for considering these comments. I know this is a small project but I sincerely hope the City considers other solutions to mitigate whatever issues the tree is presenting to the applicant. if there will be a public hearing, please let me know, I would love to attend.

Thank you again,

Evan Hughes
707-721-2558

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August 14, 2023

Via U.S. Mail and email to smurray@srcity.org

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Santa Rosa, CA 95404

RE: **Project Name:** **Bunya Bunya Tree Removal (appeal of denial)**
Project Address: **1080 2nd Street, Santa Rosa**
File No. **TR22-062**

Dear Ms. Murray:

I am writing in regard to the appeal of the denial for the removal of the Bunya Bunya tree located at 1080 2nd Street in Santa Rosa. My office is located approximately 200 feet from the subject tree. The Bunya Bunya tree is of cultural and historical significance to the City of Santa Rosa and I and my entire office staff strenuously object to its removal.

Very truly yours,

William W. Hatcher

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