

FOR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
Torrance City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: Community Services – Accept and File the Living Dedication
Tree Program 2010 Annual Report**

Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that the City Council accept and file the Living Dedication Tree Program Report for the period of January through December 2010.

Funding

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND

On November 17, 1992, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council approved the implementation of a "Living Dedication Tree Program". The purpose of the Program was to offer community members an opportunity to donate living trees to commemorate the life of a loved one or other significant events such as births and anniversaries. The implementation of the Program established guidelines for donating trees and an informational brochure was made available to the public at the various public counters of City buildings.

On March 24, 2009, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director, City Council approved a revised brochure and an increase in the price charged for a dedication tree.

ANALYSIS

Since the inception of the program in 1992, a total of 324 Living Dedication trees have been planted throughout various parks. In 2010 an additional fourteen (14) trees were planted at nine (9) different City parks (Attachment A). Park Services staff members continue to personally assist donors with the selection of parks

staff members continue to personally assist donors with the selection of parks and tree species, and coordinate the planting of the tree. Certificates of Recognition for the Dedication Program are given to the donors.

The Parks and Recreation Commission accepted this annual report at its meeting on March 9, 2011 (Attachment B). Both the Commission and the Community Services Director recommend that City Council accept and file this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Parks and Recreation Commission

By Keri Gilbert
Keri Gilbert, Chairperson

JOHN JONES
Community Services Director

By Robert Carson
Robert Carson
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:

John Jones
John Jones
Community Services Director

NOTED:

LeRoy J. Jackson
LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments:

- A. Living Tree Dedications for reporting period 2010
- B. Excerpt of Minutes - March 9, 2011

ATTACHMENT A

**Community Services Department
LIVING TREE DEDICATIONS
REPORTING PERIOD
2010**

DATE RECEIVED	TREE/PARK SIZE/ LOCATION	DONOR	OCCASION Or in HONOR OF	DATE OF PLANTING
Jan. 04, 2010	Tipuana Tipu Alta Loma 15 gal. s/w corner of park	Charles and Dorothy Simmons	Sherry Lynn Simmons	March 10, 2010
Mar. 9, 2010	1 Tipuana Tipu 2 Jacaranda mimusifolia Wilson Park just east of tree house	Betty Newhall	William D. Newhall	April 24, 2010
May 4, 2010	1 White Alder alnus rhombifolia Sunnyglen s.e. corner	Valdean Clark	Ken Jurgelewicz	May 28, 2010
June 17, 2010	3 cedrus deodor Deodor cedars Walteria north east	Marion White	Martha Wilson Ray White Robert Dean	June 17, 2010
June 30, 2010	1 Tipuana Tipu Paradise Park n/e of play area	Valdean Clark	Ross Stotesbury	July 27, 2010
August 19, 2010	1 Ficus Rubiginosa Rusty leaf fig SW. El Prado	Cheryl Barnett and friends	Barney Barnett	September 1, 2010
August 30, 2010	1 Magnolia Ken Miller Building	AFSCME	Billy Adams	November 15, 2010
November 5, 2010	1 Bartlett Pear West of Gazebo Wilson Park	Jim Johnston	Rosetta E Johnston	November 11, 2010
November 3, 2010	1 Jacaranda Delthorne Park vacuum breaker east side	Betty Newhall	Jean Jenkins	December 14, 2010
December 14, 2011	1 Cherry Delthorne Park near south bridge	Lisa Mooney & Mary Coward	Jacque Baker	January 18, 2011

ATTACHMENT B**EXCERPT OF MINUTES**

Minutes Approved
 Minutes Subject to Approval

March 9, 2011

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
 TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in a regular session at 6:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Baxter, Greenberg, Hays, Mayeda, Ning, Taniguchi, and Chairperson Gilbert.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Community Services Director Jones, Senior Business Manager Minter, Recreation Services Manager Brunette, and Park Services Manager Carson.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8C. ACCEPT AND FILE THE LIVING DEDICATION TREE PROGRAM 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Park Services Manager Carson presented the Living Tree Dedication annual report for 2010 and requested that the Commission recommend that City Council accept and file the report. He noted that 14 living dedication trees were planted in nine different parks last year.

Responding to Commissioner Greenberg's inquiries, Park Services Manager Carson explained the Living Dedication Tree Program, fees, and its promotion through the City website and brochures.

MOTION: Commissioner Mayeda moved to concur with staff recommendation. Commissioner Baxter seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

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