

**CITY OF DANA POINT**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE: JUNE 14, 2006**

**TO: CITY MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM BRAD FOWLER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES  
BRIAN E. MCCLURE, PARKS MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PLAN TO REPLACE TREES IN THE LANDSCAPED PARKWAY ON GOLDEN LANTERN BETWEEN DEL PRADO AND DANA POINT HARBOR DRIVE**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the City Council approve the plan to remove the Sycamore trees from the landscaped City parkway on Golden Lantern between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive and replant the parkway with 14 Mexican Fan Palms to match those in the center median.

**ISSUES:**

City staff has identified several trees that are in need of replacement in the landscaped parkway on Golden Lantern, north side only, between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive. Staff recommends that Council approve the plan to remove the Sycamore trees from the landscaped parkway on Golden Lantern from Del Prado to Dana Point Harbor Drive and replant the parkway with palms. This proposal has been coordinated with and accepted by the Lantern Bay Villas which abuts the parkway at that location.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Golden Lantern parkway between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive currently has over 20 Sycamore trees. Unfortunately, this species of trees does not thrive in our coastal environment and as a result the trees are stunted and many are diseased. The City's arborist has inspected the trees and has recommended that they be removed.

Staff has met with the Lantern Bay Villas HOA to discuss removing the Sycamore trees and replanting the parkway with palms. The Lantern Bay Villas supports staff's plan for removal and replanting of the parkway.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is suggesting removing all the Sycamore trees from the parkway and planting Mexican Fan Palms to match the existing tree palette on Golden Lantern. Staff believes that palms spaced appropriately far apart will not severely impact the views of the neighboring communities, while providing an attractive street parkway for motorists. Additionally, staff has met with the Lantern Bay Villas to discuss any concerns they may have regarding the specific planting locations for the 14 palms.

**NOTIFICATION/FOLLOW-UP:**

None.

**STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

In compliance with the Strategic Plan Initiative to maintain, modernize and beautify the City's infrastructure and neighborhoods, this project implements the tactical element of improving the Golden Lantern parkway between Del Prado and Dana Point Harbor Drive.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The City of Dana Point has sufficient funding in the General Fund operating budget to accomplish this project.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:**

1. Do not approve the expenditure and provide direction to staff.

**ACTION DOCUMENTS:****PAGE**

None