



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Forest and Beach Commission Staff Report

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TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Forester's Report

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These are the highlights of February and new or ongoing work for 2020.

Notable tree failures - There were three failures that were addressed in February.

- Tree fell between two cars on Ocean Avenue.

New and ongoing work -

- Top half on the Ninth Avenue greenbelt between Junipero Street and Mission Street has been cleaned up with new mulch installed. The entire area was mowed. Phase two of the project will be the woody brush and trees at the bottom of the hill.
- New cable and post will be installed at the North Dunes in March.

Updates from last meeting -

- The appraised value for the Mission Avenue 5 NW of Santa Lucia Street trees is \$13,500. Adding \$1,424 for the cost of the appraisal the total is \$14,924.

Permits –

- There were 20 permit applications submitted.
- 17 permits were processed to completion.
- 21 permitted removals – 15 trees required to be planted

City Removals and Plantings –

- Information pending

Stop Work Orders Issued

- Stop Work Order 1
 - Excavating within 6' of City tree trunk
 - Failure to install mulch per plan
 - No encroachment permit for street
- Stop Work Order 2
 - Inadequate tree protection
 - Severed roots
 - Failure to install mulch per plan
 - No building permit issued
- Stop Work Order 3
 - Storing construction materials in the driplines
 - Cutting of roots greater than 2"
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General observations –

- Contractors are surprised to be held accountable for not following tree protection requirements
- Oaks that have been preserved during pasted construction projects are showing high levels of stress and basal decay
- Climate change is a concern in the community

