

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

~~INTER~~OFFICE MEMO

TO: Cultural Heritage Board

DATE: June 8, 1984

FROM: Alan Curl

SUBJECT: Suggested Landmark Resolutions for City-Owned Trees

At its 2/15/84 meeting, the Cultural Heritage Board requested staff to schedule Landmark nominations for seven City-owned trees of historical interest:

- 1) The Chicago White Sox Redwood Tree (Low Park)
- 2) The Montezuma Bald Cypress Trees (Fairmount Park)
- 3) The Horse Chestnut Tree (Victoria Avenue center divider at Mary Street)
- 4) The Native Sycamore Tree (median island on La Paz Lane at its intersection with Bubbling Well Road)
- 5) The Roosevelt Palm (Victoria Avenue at its intersection with Myrtle Street)
- 6) The Palm Grove (Hunter Park)
- 7) The Magnolia Avenue Parkways and Center Median (between Arlington Avenue and San Rafael Way)

Attached are suggested Landmark resolutions for each of these trees. Regarding these resolutions, staff makes the following observations:

- 1) The Horse Chestnut Tree and The Roosevelt Palm are included within the existing Victoria Avenue Landmark. Individual Landmark designations, however, will evidence specific concern for these particular elements of Victoria Avenue.
- 2) Staff has suggested that the designation of Magnolia Avenue Parkways and Center Median run only the length of the Old Magnolia Avenue Neighborhood Conservation Area. This designation could, in fact, include

several miles and complement other City Landmarks: Heritage House, California Baptist College, and the Sherman Indian High School Administration Building. The limitation of the staff suggestion reflects the desire for a designation that complements the greatest concentration of historic architecture along Magnolia Avenue.

- 3) None of the suggested resolutions suggest replacement policies. Most of the nominations consider trees important only because of their size, their age, or the celebrity of he who planted. In the cases of the Montezuma Bald Cypress Trees, The Palm Grove, and The Magnolia Avenue Parkways and Center Median, staff feels that the Cultural Resources Ordinance provides for the Board requiring a like replacement for a climaxing tree, if that is the choice of the Board at that time.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Cultural Heritage Board accept, in a single motion, the attached suggested resolutions.

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SUGGESTED RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of
Riverside, California, Designating Landmark #___

WHEREAS the Cultural Heritage Board has considered the evidence concerning a Landmark designation for the Montezuma Bald Cypress Trees (*Taxodium mucronatum*), located on the banks of Lake Evans, Fairmount Lake, and Brown Lake in Fairmount Park; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Heritage Board has considered the rarity of the Montezuma Bald Cypress in Southern California as well as their unique contribution to historic Fairmount Park; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Heritage Board recognizes their long history within the park, having been initiated on the western bank of Fairmount Lake by Captain Charles Dexter, one of the founders of Fairmount Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Riverside, California, that the Montezuma Bald Cypress Trees, located on the banks of Lake Evans, Fairmount Lake, and Brown Lake in Fairmount Park, be designated Cultural Heritage Board Landmark #___.

ADOPTED by the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Riverside, California, and signed by its Chairman and attested by its Secretary this ___ day of _____, _____.