



Heritage Tree Applications
1202 Melba Rd., Encinitas CA

1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application: 4 Torrey Pine Trees

Definition: “Heritage Tree” means a tree of community significance located in the City on public or private property designated by the City in accordance with the following criteria: that is one of the oldest and largest of its species; is of unique form or species; has historic significance due to an association with an historic building, site, street, person or event; or is a defining landmark or significant outstanding feature of a neighborhood. If a group of trees within a neighborhood collectively meet one or more of the Heritage Tree criteria, then that group may be designated a “Heritage Grove” and each tree that is identified individually as a significant part of that Heritage Grove shall be considered a Heritage Tree. The designation of a Heritage Tree and/or Heritage Grove on private property requires the written consent of the private property owner in a form deemed sufficient by the City Attorney.”

1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application



- **No. of Trees Submitted: 4 Trees**
- **Applicant: Jean-Bernard & Carol Jean Minster (Property Owners)**
- **Location: 1202 Melba**
- **Private Trees: All four trees are located at 1202 Melba on Private Property.**
- **Jurisdiction: Private Property**

1202 Melba – Applicant Statement

Our Purpose in Applying

Our primary purpose in wanting to include our Torrey Pines in the Heritage Grove is to ensure they are covered by an amendment to the City's Municipal Tree Ordinance (Chapter 15.02), Maintenance and Preservation (Section 15.02.070), which states "The City will use best practices to protect existing trees from the impacts of development and maintenance projects." (Ord. 2017-02)

The City's tree protection requirements have become of increasing concern to us in light of the 30-home Torrey Crest project proposed for development next door to us. As currently proposed, this project will result in the removal of 172 trees, a significant increase in heat-producing hardscape, with an accompanying degradation in the character of the neighborhood.

Protecting Mature Tree Canopies

Clearly, trees provide our planet, humanity, and the creatures sharing this earth with numerous essential benefits. Trees combat climate change by absorbing CO₂ by photosynthesis, thus removing and storing carbon and releasing the oxygen back into the atmosphere. Trees also:

- Cool the streets and neighborhoods
- Save water and help prevent soil erosion
- Provide shade canopies and habitat for wildlife (In our Torrey Pines, we have observed various raptors: Red-Shouldered Hawks, Red-Tailed Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, and Owls.)
- Improve the overall quality of life in our neighborhoods as a source of joy and peace.

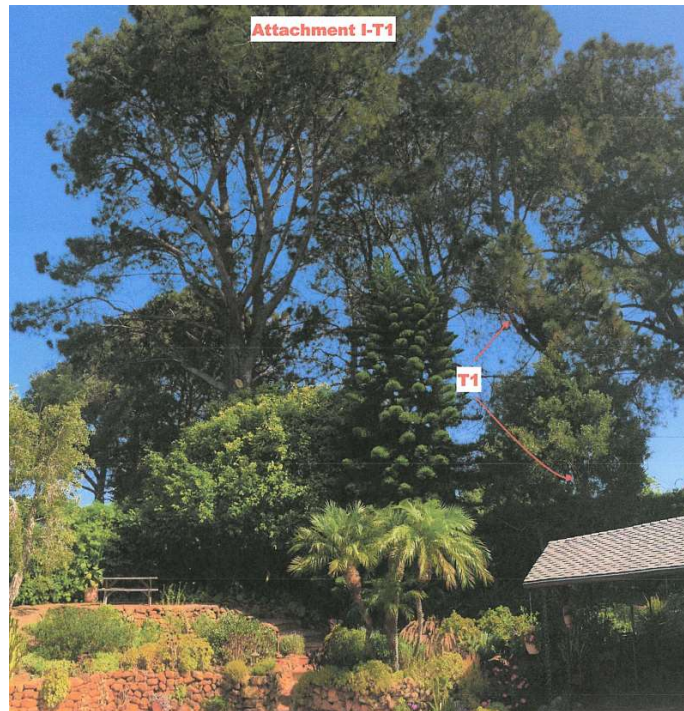
The contributions mature trees currently provide to the surrounding community and to the existing wildlife seem to be a minor consideration for the developer. This means that we, with the backing of our community and the City, must do whatever is possible to preserve what will be left of our tree canopies. This includes protecting them during the various development phases: razing existing rental homes; uprooting and cutting down trees; shifting, burying, and/or removing toxic soil; installing drainage pipes; and constructing new housing units.

1202 Melba– Tree Locations



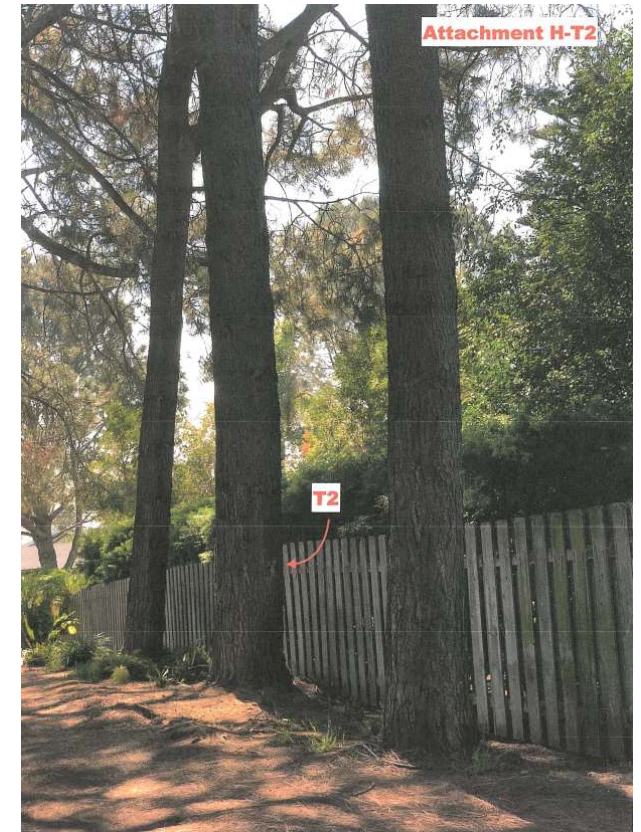
1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application – T1

- Tree No: T1 – Private Tree
- Tree Species: *Pinus torreyana*
- Height: 88'
- Diameter: 25"
- Health: Good
- Estimated Tree Age: 85 and 96 years
- Estimated Planting Date: Between 1928 and 1939



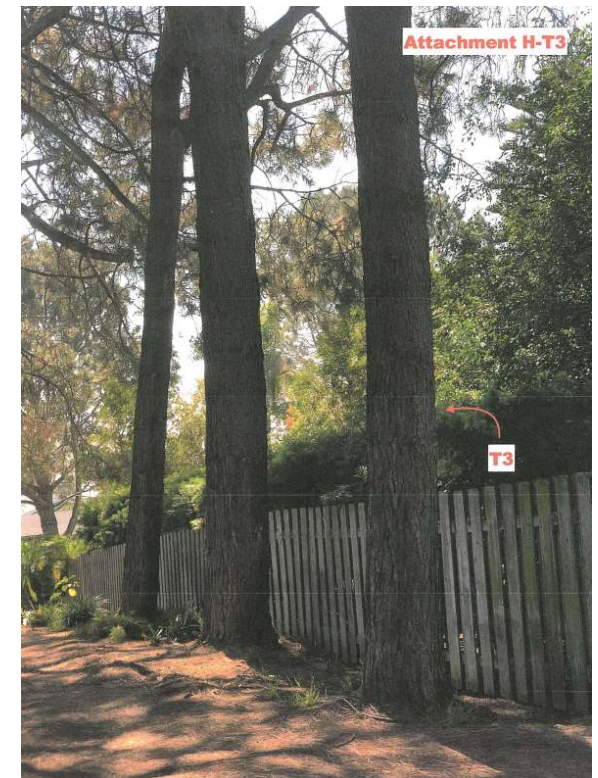
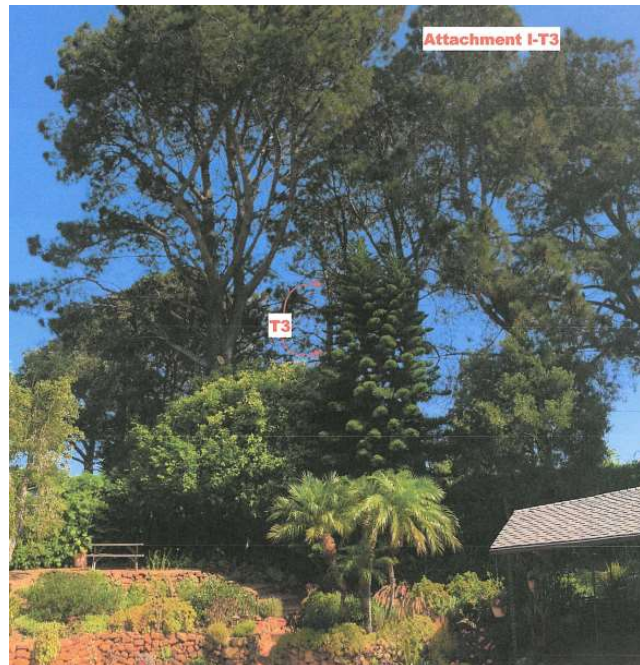
1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application – T2

- Tree No: T2 – Private Tree
- Tree Species: *Pinus torreyana*
- Height: 88'
- Diameter: 32"
- Health: Good
- Estimated Tree Age: 85 and 96 years
- Estimated Planting Date: Between 1928 and 1939



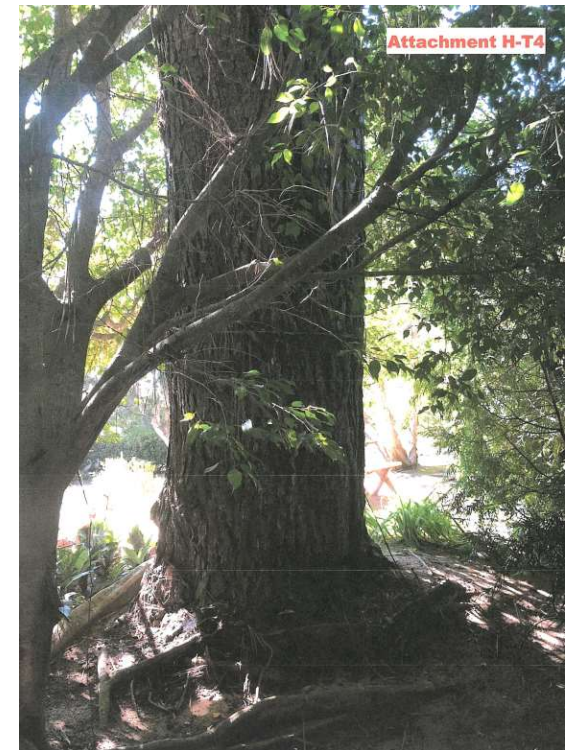
1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application – T3

- **Tree No: T3 – Private Tree**
- **Tree Species: *Pinus torreyana***
- **Height: 88'**
- **Diameter: 23"**
- **Health: Good**
- **Estimated Tree Age: 85 and 96 years**
- **Estimated Planting Date: Between 1928 and 1939**

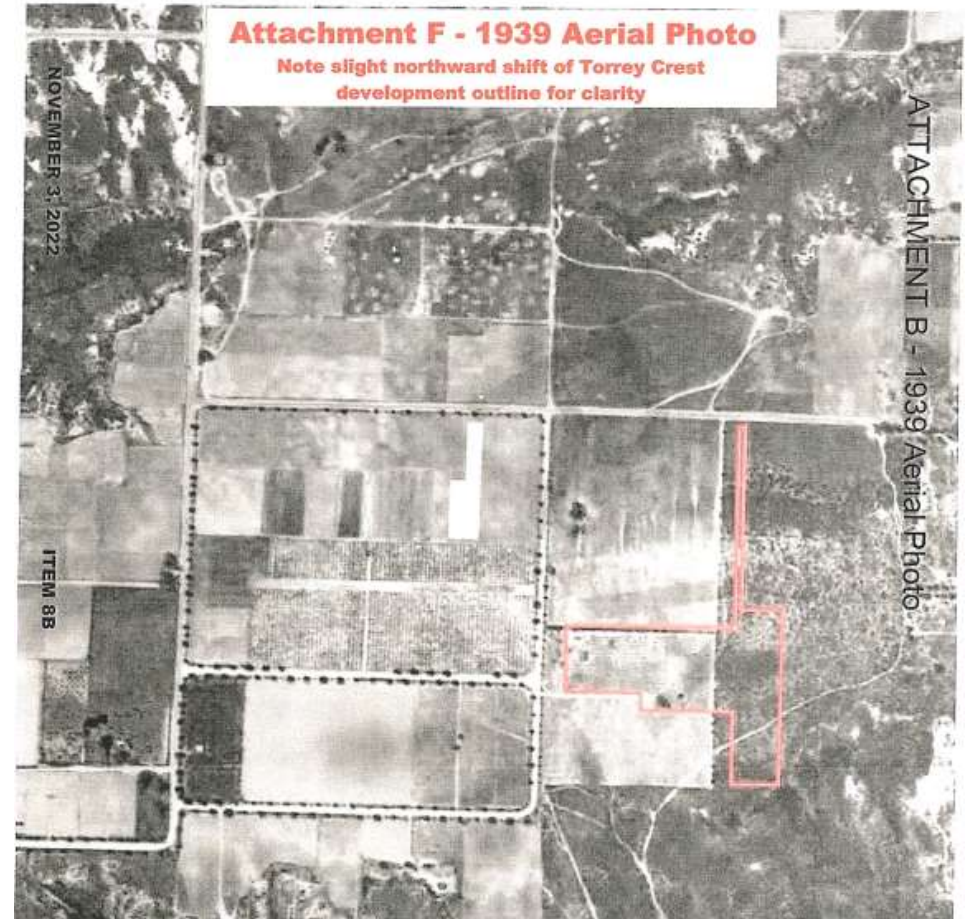
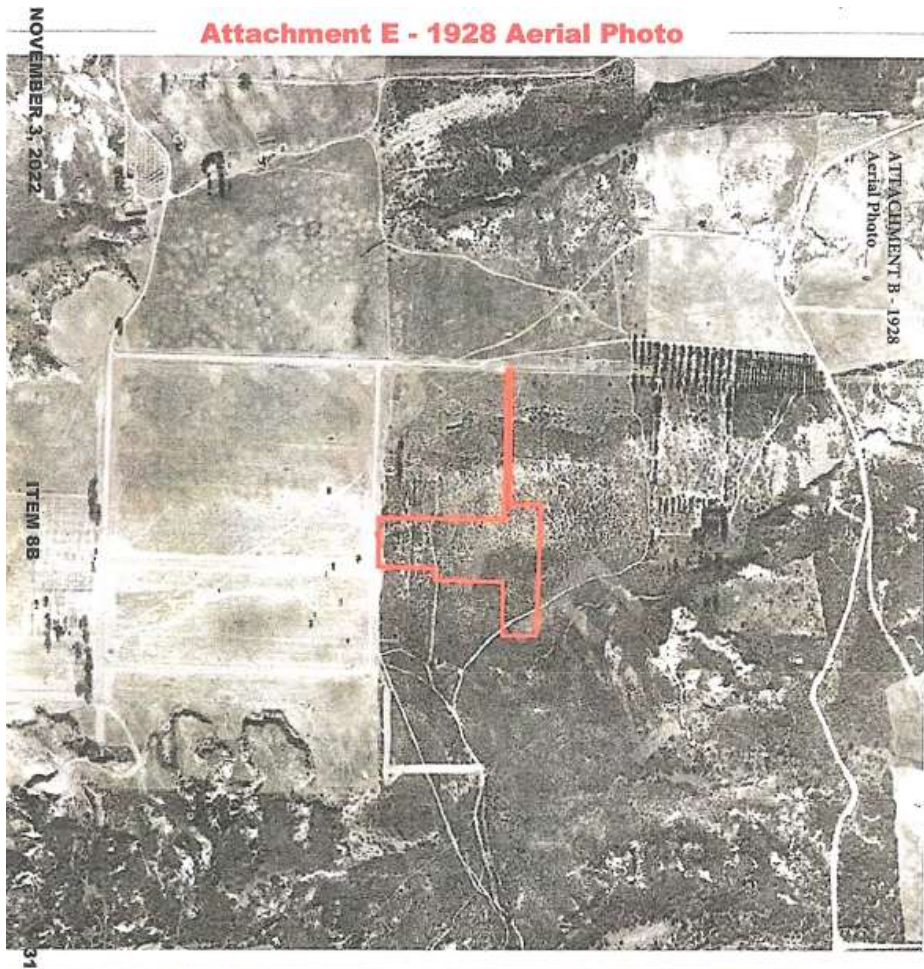


1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application – T4

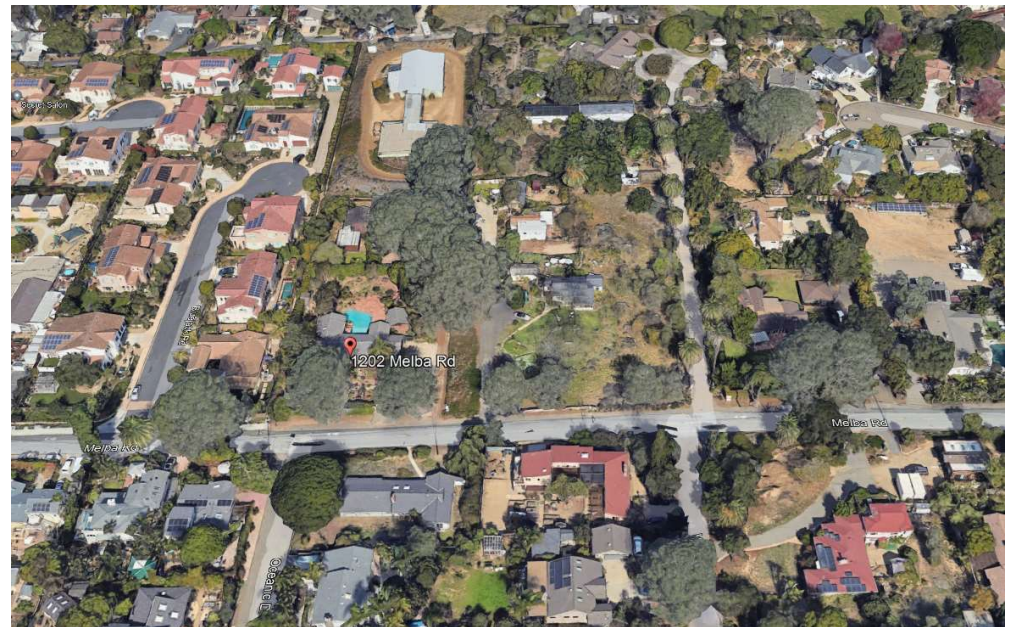
- **Tree No: T4 – Private Tree**
- **Tree Species: *Pinus torreyana***
- **Height: 102'**
- **Diameter: 45"**
- **Health: Good**
- **Estimated Tree Age: 85 and 96 years**
- **Estimated Planting Date: Between 1928 and 1939**



1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application – Historical Perspective



1202 Melba – Heritage Tree Application – Street View and Aerial View



1202, 1220, & 1250 Melba – Heritage Tree Application - Considerations

C. The Planning Commission may designate a tree as a Heritage Tree upon a finding that it is unique and of importance to the community due to any of the following factors:

1. It is one of the oldest and largest of its species located in Encinitas;
2. It is a tree of unique form or species;
3. It has historic significance due to an association with an historic building, site, street, person or event; or Is associated with a historical record and the heritage of the City of Encinitas.
4. It is a defining landmark or significant outstanding feature of a neighborhood.

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