

**DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES  
September 27, 2012 at 8:30 A.M.  
245 EAST BONITA AVENUE  
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

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**PRESENT**

*Scott Dilley, Chamber of Commerce  
Blaine Michaelis, City Manager  
Krishna Patel, Director of Public Works  
Jim Schoonover, Planning Commission  
John Sorcinelli, Public Member at Large  
Larry Stevens, Assistant City Manager of Community Development*

**ABSENT**

*Emmett Badar, City Council*

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jim Schoonover called the regular meeting of the Development Plan Review Board to order at 8:31 a.m. so as to conduct regular business in the City Council Conference Room.

**Tree Permit No. 12-39**

A request to remove seven trees from the hillside common area of the Via Verde Tract 33119 HOA.

Zone: Single-Family 7,500

Fara Brizai, HOA member, was present.  
John Pavlik, of Best Tree Service, was present.  
Glenn Ford, Management Company, was present.

Associate Planner Espinoza stated that the applicant is requesting to remove seven trees from the hillside common area of the Via Verde Tract 33119 HOA. The tree removal request was reviewed and approved at the June 6, 2012 Via Verde HOA meeting. The following trees are proposed for removal:

- One Pine behind 931 Avenida Loma Vista – Tree No. 1
- One Pine behind 937 Avenida Loma Vista – Tree No. 2
- Two Eucalyptus behind 955 Avenida Loma Vista – Tree Nos. 3-4
- Three Sycamore behind 943 Avenida Loma Vista – Tree Nos. 5-7

He indicated that he walked through the site and noted that the two Pine trees have a severe lean and noticed that other Pine trees in the surrounding area are failing due to the same circumstances. Staff recommends removal of the two Pine trees.

He noted that the two Eucalyptus trees have been improperly pruned and topped off quite a bit throughout the years, thus are continuously failing. He added that there is also a lot of sucker growth. Staff recommends removal of these two unhealthy trees.

He stated there are a few issues with the three Sycamore trees. He noted they have been improperly pruned and were planted in close proximity to each other thus the trees cannot fully grow. He added that Tree No. 7 can be preserved since it is in good condition and has not been pruned too severely; he referenced the photos provided in the Staff Report. He stated that Staff recommends Tree Nos. 5 and 6 be removed to allow proper growth of Tree No. 7, thus Staff recommends the Board deny the removal of Tree No. 7. The six trees that are approved for removal, Tree Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, shall be replaced on-site with 12, 15-gallon size trees on the slope area with placement to be determined by the contractor and Staff. The trees will consist of Six Chinese Flame and Six Chinese Pistache.

Mr. Stevens asked if he received feedback from residents in regards to this project.

In response to Mr. Stevens, Associate Planner Espinoza stated that a few residents contacted him and were in either favor of the removal or had questions about the project but none opposed the removal.

Mr. Stevens asked if there have been recent tree removal requests for this Via Verde Tract 33119.

In response to Mr. Stevens, Associate Planner Espinoza stated no.

John Pavlik, of Best Tree Service, stated that he is in attendance to assure the tree removal request is approved and to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Pavlik if he is in acceptance of retaining Tree No. 7.

In response to Mr. Stevens, Mr. Pavlik indicated that he is in agreement with preserving Tree No. 7 and believes it is the healthiest of all the proposed trees to be removed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Larry Stevens, second by Scott Dilley, to approve Staff's recommendation and added that after the tree removals, if Tree No. 7 is not able to properly grow and be preserved, then the applicant does not need to return to the Board for approval to remove Tree No. 7, it can be done at Staff level.

Motion carried 6-0-1-0 (Badar absent)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m. to the meeting of October 11, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

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Jim Schoonover, Chairman  
San Dimas Development Plan Review Board

ATTEST:

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Jessica Mejia  
Development Plan Review Board  
Departmental Assistant

Approved: October 11, 2012