

eComments Report for City Council Meeting Agenda of June 1, 2021

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14. (21-0490) Recommendation to approve the renaming of South Street Parkway, "The Pressburg Parkway" in recognition of the contributions of Uptown community leader Dan Pressburg.	Annie Greenfeld	shorti2448@gmail.com		Dan Pressburg has been an integral part of not only the North Long Beach Community, but also the entire City of Long Beach. It is surprising, when someone of Dan's stature gets caught in a political quagmire, where a person who has done much more than his fair share, is penalized for the lack of signatures from the community. It shows how people in the community are put to a different standard from politicians. All Dan cares about is just what is in your heart and getting the job done for his community. The renaming of the South Street Parkway to Pressburg Parkway is a no-brainer, in that he is the person who helped organize, maintain and establish this Parkway, which is located in the lot next to his historic home. This should have happened many years ago. No, he is not a national star to have a library named after him. He simply is the local guy with his heart for North Long Beach, for all of Long Beach, and for everyone but himself.	6/1/2021
16. 21-0492 Recommendation to request City Manager update and revise the policies and procedures related to the City's Tree Maintenance Policy and urban wildlife policy, including nesting birds. Direct City Manager to reevaluate the standard operating procedure, including, but not limited to inspections by a trained biologist, when trimming or removing City trees that have evidence indicating an active bird nest. Also, direct City Manager to report back on the feasibility and costs associated with establishing a program to pro-actively inspect trees for urban wildlife that are scheduled for trimming and removal.	Carlos Ovalle	csovalle@gmail.com		<p>The Public Works Department and council are confused about the Parks Recreation and Marine tree trimming policy vs the Tidelands Tree Trimming Policy.</p> <p>I propose the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a unified tree trimming policy applicable to the entire city. 2. The policy must combine the two existing policies and adopt the most stringent aspects of each policy, including the following: 3. Tree replacement must be a minimum of 2:1 ratio, except for the tree-poor North, West, and South Park Sectors where the minimum replacement ought to be 3:1 4. Replacement trees must be a minimum of 24 inch box. 5. The qualified reviewer used to determine tree removal must be an independent certified arborist. 6. In addition to the above, the qualified reviewer for trees to be removed or trimmed during nesting season ought to be an Ornithologist, not just a biologist. 	6/1/2021

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