

Michelle Schaefer's List

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Hi Diane, Here are my suggestions. Thank you for following up :0) -Michelle

#1 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING (replacement trees) starting in an area where tourist and locals will notice immediately: *on H & Ocean* (especially the 100/200 blocks of east Ocean Ave and H street near Pine Ave). While I like the idea that we are moving Recognition Grove's future plantings to another park, why not consider using the funds, plaques, and community outreach to stretch some of the trees out on our very visible main streets (H, Ocean, east North st., etc.)--we saw this done in SB. Having someone's name/plaque attached to the tree will give folks a special connection to that planting area, creating goodwill (as they will see it daily), and a desire to keep that area looking good. I understand that we plant trees only twice a year, to buy in bulk, but 5 yrs later I'm still seeing the same empty areas (some now simply filled in with concrete). Recognition Grove's planting continues to regularly march forward so I'd love to see some of that energy applied to our main thoroughfares.

FYI: Here is a list of replacement trees Santa Maria is using and there are two that are for clearance of 0-6'

Replacement Tree List | City of Santa Maria

www.cityofsantamaria.org

Approved Street Tree List. Please be advised that in planting areas of small sizes only a few of these trees may be approved. The bigger the planting area, the more ...

Also, there are some small trees listed under L.A.'s Replacement Trees list that only need 3' parkway clearance (I do understand all of LA's trees will not necessarily do well here). Other ideas I've come across are: Dwarf Eucalyptus & Bottle brush (great for bees). An interesting point to consider, that was brought up at the meeting, is that in Recognition Grove our native trees didn't fair as well as the Australian trees.

Street Tree Selection Guide - Los Angeles

bss.lacity.org

Street Tree Selection Guide The following list of trees are acceptable for planting in public right-of-way.

#2 CITY HALL REFRESH - While not everyone goes to our city hall, it is the heart of our city government and could more fully represent our city's diverse flora and tagline "City of Arts and Flowers."

2A. If we want to keep the sweet pea as our city flower (or maybe change it) then we might want to represent it in this area (as mentioned by Al Thompson and David Lemon) through art and plantings. If we plant reseeding plants like the sweet pea and nasturtium we only have to clear them out a few times a year when they go to seed (nasturtium is one of the easiest to pull out and with all the shade in the front area, at City Hall, it could probably just be allowed to reseed all year (Between parsley and nasturtium my garden is covered all spring and winter and calendula takes over in the summer).

2B. I know the above plants will not do well in the hanging baskets as they need deeper soil, to hold the moisture, but the hanging baskets do need to be refreshed. I think these were put in 4 plus (?) years ago after our walk through of all the parks and city hall. The addition of the succulents was/is very helpful but the baskets themselves are disintegrating. Something colorful and more long term for that dark walkway would be nice.

Maybe tie in the wine industry & drought tolerant emphasis with miniature versions of wine barrels in water conserving and light resin hanging planters (drill holes and hang). We don't necessarily need as many as we have--it might be nice to actually have less hanging baskets and focus on punch and display with those few.



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2C. Also, a few small murals would be a nice addition to represent the arts/flowers/wine/agriculture/murals/etc, all things that say 'we are Lompoc'. Being a hardscape item they wouldn't need water or much upkeep yet they would still add life and color. The shade in the entrance area will keep them in good shape. Maybe this is where we can do the arts and mural connection that Julie brought up at the meeting. Also, some of the shade plants planted on the walkway are acid soil dependent so they take extra care but artwork would add punch and would need very little care. The interest in a mural could be done as a LVBC community event (not as a Mural Society event as that group is focused more on Old Town)