



October 9, 2017

South H St. Italian Stone Pines

Public Meeting Thursday 10/26/17 6:30 pm



The South H Street Italian Stone Pines have been a treasured public asset since they were planted in the 1930's. The City of Lompoc regularly prunes these heritage trees and conducts periodic evaluations of their health and safety. You can view past arborist reports about the H St. pines on the City of Lompoc website at www.CityofLompoc.com; Departments; Public Works; Urban Forestry.

In the past year, there have been several tree failures. The City has hired an experienced Consulting Arborist to assess health and structural condition of the H Street pines. The report will recommend mitigations to reduce property, health, and safety risks.

Some potential mitigations might include;

- Parking restrictions on one or both sides of H Street
- Redistributing weight by reducing long horizontal limbs, which may result in reducing the tree canopy touching across both side of H Street
- Removal of high risk trees
- Revised irrigation, fertilization & mulching procedures
- Enlarging growing areas around the trees, requiring use of parking areas, or easements from adjacent property owner's front yards
- Cabling of large limbs to reduce risk of failure
- Use of growth regulators to reduce height

Before the consulting arborist begins his evaluations, H Street residents and the public are invited to a meeting with the consultant to discuss the proposed work program and possible outcomes. **A public meeting will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Stone Pine Hall, 210 South H Street, at 6:30 pm.** For additional questions, call the City of Lompoc Urban Forestry Division at 875-8034.