

Planting Trees in Mar Vista

A Report from the Mar Vista Arbor Group



There are 3,581 Vacant Sites for Street (Parkway) Trees in Mar Vista *

- 361 sites greater than 10 feet wide
- Big enough to accommodate a Cork Oak

* Data collected in 2020, 2021 by the Davey Resource Group, published in the Neighborhood Council Urban Forest Summary – Mar Vista. Link: https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/mar_vista_nc.pdf



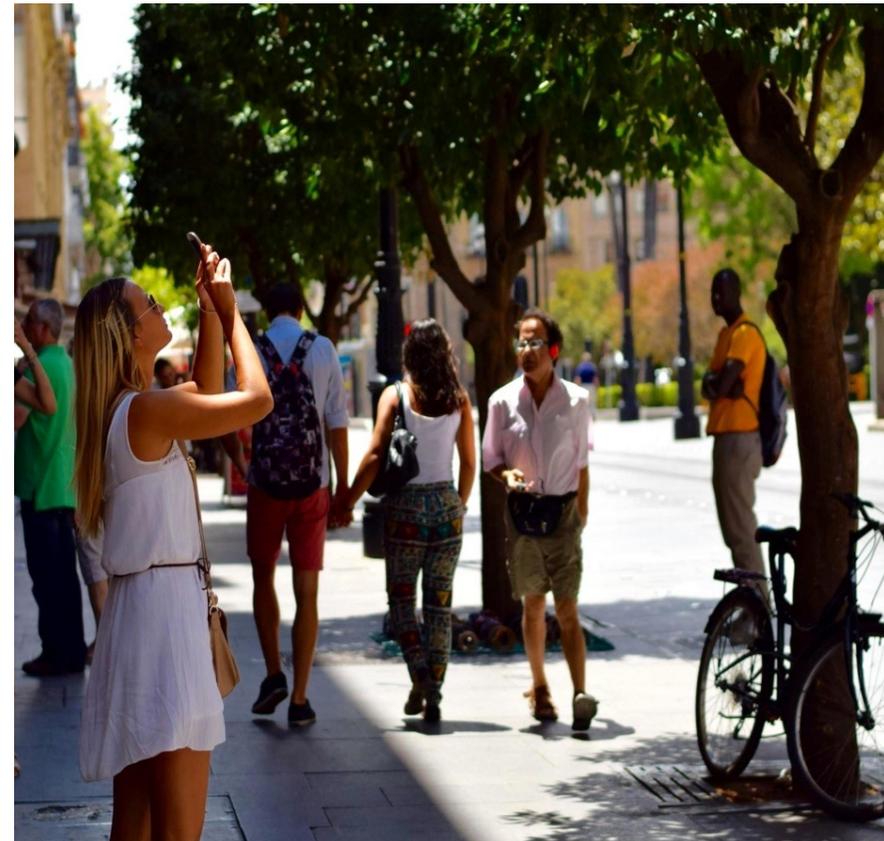
Filling Vacant Tree Sites Requires People Power

- We are about 15 people who
 - Walk neighborhoods to determine need
 - Go door-to-door, explain free-tree program

- Encourage residents to sign up on the spot for a tree

- Challenges

- Finding people home
- Their reluctance to answer door
- Concerns about trees – big roots, litter, pruning, watering



With the Westdale and Venice Arbor Groups, We Have Placed 260 Trees



- 60 in front yards, 200 in parkways
- More than 50 trees are pending

New Trees Are Chosen Based on Width of Parkways

3' – 4' parkways (examples)	
Hong Kong and Purple Orchid	Chitalpa
Eastern and Western Redbud	Bronze Loquat
4' – 6' Parkways	
Golden Raintree	Brisbane Box
Southern Magnolia	Melaleuca
6' – 8" Parkways	
Australian Willow	Strawberry
London Plane	Cork Oak
8' plus Parkways	
Cedar	Camphor
Coast Live and Valley Oak	Tipu



Golden Raintree

Tree Project Needs More Outreach Support and More Volunteers



- Farmers' Market Green Tent has hosted us at least twice
 - Recruiting volunteers
 - Educating the community
- 15 people would have to sign up more than 233 residents each to fill 3,500 vacant sites

How Can We Collaborate With the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee?

- Ideas?
- Questions?
- Comments?