



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20180905 008a

**Date:** September 5, 2018

**Subject:** Block 36 Site Plan (SP-2018-0015C) variance request to remove two heritage trees (#4008 and #4009)

**Motion by:** Hank Smith

**Seconded by:** Mary Ann Neely

### **RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS**, tree #4008 is a 37.5” Pecan Tree with significant dead/dying scaffold limbs and the canopy has been improperly pruned at multiple points, has approximately 80 percent of its roots covered by pavement, and since the tree is in the Waller Creek Conservancy area, it will likely be scheduled to be removed with future improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, tree #4009 is a 34” American Elm tree that only retains approximately 50 percent of canopy of similar sized specimen, has heavily unbalanced canopy and was previously cut back aggressively from power lines, and this tree will likely be removed in the future as part of CapMetro Rail station improvements.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends support of the request for removal of tree numbers 4008 and 4009 with the following;

### **Staff Conditions:**

- Per staff recommendations, including suspended pavement for any tree planting in the Right of Way.

### **Environmental Commission Conditions:**

- The street trees be evaluated to provide diversity and an iconic mix of trees;
- Mitigation rate shall be at a rate of 300 percent
- Work with staff to provide additional funding for the Waller Creek Conservancy and Palm Park for improvements on or adjacent to this tract;
- Require increased diameter of mitigation trees up to 8” for a significant number of trees based on staff directive along 3rd Street as well as in Palm Park.

### **VOTE 6-3**

For: B. Smith, Creel, H. Smith, Neely, Gordon, and Coyne

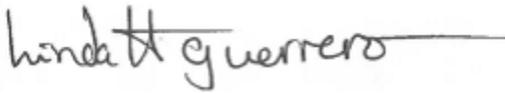
Against: Perales, Guerrero, and Maceo

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: Thompson

Approved By:

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Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair