

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20190417 008d

Date: April 17, 2019

Subject: Villas on Rio Grande SP-2018-0362C.SH request to vary from 25-8-641 to allow the removal of two heritage trees, each with a single stem greater than 30 inches in diameter

Motion by: Hank Smith **Seconded by:** Mary Ann Neely

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, Tree #19730 is a 34-inch Pecan and per the City Arborist, the tree is in poor structural condition and that condition is not recoverable. Given the tree's condition and the proposed use of the project, it is not reasonable to incorporate this tree into the design; and

WHEREAS, for Tree #19726 (37-inch Pecan) staff does not recommend the variance because the Findings of Fact have not been met. Staff has not been provided with material to review the request as prevention of a reasonable use or access of the property.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends support of staff recommendation for removal of Tree #19730 but not for the removal of Tree #19726 with the following;

Staff Conditions:

• Project agrees to relocate Tree #19721 a non-protected size 16.5-inch Red oak to a location to be determined by the City Arborist.

Environmental Commission Conditions:

• Full Mitigation for Tree #19730 at 300 percent.

VOTE 8-1

For: Creel, Thompson, Neely, Coyne, Neely, Maceo, H. Smith and B. Smith

Against: Guerrero Abstain: None Recuse: None Absent: C. Smith Approved By:

Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair

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