



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20210407 004b

Date: April 7, 2021

Subject: Winchestertonfieldville at 2405 Nueces Street and 504 West 24th Street

Motion by: Kevin Ramberg

Seconded by: Andrew Creel

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is seeking removal of two (2) heritage trees, one with a single stem over 30” in diameter; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the trees to be a 25-inch heritage pecan and single stem 32-inch heritage red oak; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the City Arborist rates the pecan and oak in poor and fair condition, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that the Environmental Criteria Manual standard is 300% mitigation, and mitigation for the site shall be addressed by further enhancing the streetscape planting conditions required under the UNO Great Streets program. The applicant has proposed a menu of options that support greater tree health and longevity such as structural soil cells, permeable paving, and expanded continuous planting beds; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the applicant is proposing a five year tree care plan to provide ongoing maintenance for all new trees, and one-time improvements to additional streetscape trees and tree grates as needed and identified; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes that the request meets the City Arborist’s approval criteria set forth in LDC 25-8-624(A)(2), and thus the variance is recommended by staff.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the requested variance request with the following Environmental Commission conditions:

- The Applicant continue to work with the City Arborist to select tree species selection and maintenance details to promote the fastest grown and longest-lived street trees.
- The City Arborist work with applicant to determine estimated carbon sequestered over the following ten years and include that in mitigation targets.

VOTE 6-2

For: Bedford, Creel, Coyne, Ramberg, Barrett Bixler, and Guerrero

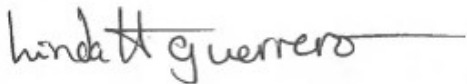
Against: Thompson and Brimer

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

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Linda Guerrero, Environmental Commission Chair