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Hello

I am writing about 1409 Alta Vista Av 78704 and the proposed development that is being permitted at that location. The developer has submitted plans for demolition of existing and building 3 new structures on the property. With seven heritage trees on the site, I am curious how this will happen. I am very much in support of keeping existing trees and setbacks in this neighborhood (I am an Alta Vista resident, myself). I do not support the current CoA loophole of essentially allowing developers to remove trees by paying a fine. This allows developers to merely absorb the fine in the case where they will turn around and sell whatever they are building at extremely inflated prices. It does nothing to actually preserve our heritage trees. In this particular case, both the developer and architect are from outside of Austin and can be assumed to only see the trees as a nuisance and not as the habitat-providing, shade-providing members of our urban forest that they are. Please let me know what is being done and what can still be done at this stage in order to protect these trees.

Thank you
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