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531 W Mifflin St LNDUSE-2023-00090

Plan Commission: Report of the City Forester

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City Forestry accepts and approves the revision to the house move route and the Consulting Arborist Report – Building Move Application. The finalized house move route has minimized street tree impacts with allowing the project to proceed.

City Forestry Street Tree Removals due to Condition:

City Forestry has performed tree inspections and found three street tree removals due to poor tree condition:

- Tree #30 – 17” Norway Maple at 526 W Mifflin St
- Tree #31 – 1” Kentucky Coffeetree at 527 W Mifflin St
- Tree #36 – 17” N Maple at 534 W Mifflin St

City Forestry crews will remove and replace these trees separate from the house move project.

City Forestry Street Tree Pruning:

City Forestry will perform a general maintenance pruning for street trees along the route.

House Move Related Pruning and Removals:

- Tree #5 – 7” Japanese Tree Lilac at 438 W Dayton St– Removal due to both houses will be moved across terrace of existing tree.
- Tree #7 – 30” Ash at 441 W Dayton St – House clearance pruning with a 10” & 13” diameter branches to be pruned. This pruning is outside of ANSI A300 Pruning Standards resulting in an invitation for the impacted property owner at a virtual public hearing at the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee on February 13, 2024.
- Tree #15 – 24” Linden at 110 N Bassett St – Removal due to excessive pruning for house clearance. This street tree removal results in an invitation to the impacted property owner at a virtual public hearing at the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee on February 13, 2024.

The tree pruning and removals will be performed by City Forestry crews. The project will reimburse the City for the value of the 24” Linden tree, labor related to Tree # 7 and Tree #15, and labor related to an on-site Forestry crew during time of the move.

Tree Plantings:

- Tree #30, 31, & 36: Trees removed due to condition will have planting sites evaluated by City Forestry and trees installed by City Forestry crews in Fall 2024

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- Tree #15: Tree replacement will be evaluated by City Forestry and installed by City Forestry crews in Fall 2024 for the 24" Linden removal at 110 N Bassett St.
- Tree #5: Tree replacement for at 438 W Dayton St for the 7" Japanese Tree Lilac will be evaluated by City Forestry and planted by the project 437 W Johnson St LNDUSE-2023-00015. This will occur at the end of the project.

Conclusion:

City Forestry, the developer, and house mover met on site for a house move route walk-thru on 1-24-2024. This meeting was to provide clear communication, look at alternative routes, and reduce street tree impacts. The results were an improved route reducing the tree removals from three to two.

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