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Date: 11/29/21
To: Planning Commission
cc: Steve Szafran
From: Kathleen Russell, Tree Preservation Code Team/Communications
Re: Proposed Tree Code Amendments as submitted November 2020 and in review by the Planning Commission

Status of proposed amendments following the Planning Commission meeting on 11/18/21, as we understand.

Tree Preservation Code Team (TPCT) Summary 11/29/21

Withdrawn by TPCT

Amendment 2 – 5. Tree Nonsignificant
Amendment 4 – Tree Purpose

Planning Commission directed Staff review:

Amendment 3 – Tree Heritage

Agree:

Amendment 1 – 1. Critical Root Zone, 2. Critical Root zone, Inner
Amendment 2 – 1. Tree Canopy, 2. Tree Hazardous
Amendment 3 – 1. Urban Forest 2. Urban Forest Canopy
Amendment 5 – Tree Policy

Review to continue:

Amendment 11 – Tree Protection: Planning Commission agreed to delete “polyethylene laminar safety fencing”.

TPCT original proposal: 6-foot height of fencing.

Amendment 8 – Tree Retention: seems to be agreement on 25% tree retention .

- 1) TPCT withdrew “Table of Incentives” for additional tree retention incentives as deemed labor intensive.
- 2) TPCT request of “incentives” that would be acceptable to Staff (per email 11/17/21)

To be discussed:

Amendment 2 – 4. Tree Landmark (24” proposed by TPCT)

Amendment 2 – 6. Tree Significant (6” proposed by TPCT as a revision 11/17/21)

Amendment 6 – General Requirements.

- 1) TPCT agrees with Staff recommendation to delete the phrase “and vegetation”.
- 2) See K. Russell email to Planning Commission dated 11/19/21; clarification on Amendment 6: L1, M1, M2: TCPT requests acceptable language to clarify this applies to new multi-family residential; and developments on MUR-35’, and MUR-45’ zones.
- 3) L1, M1, M2: Does not apply to single property owners of single family residential.
- 4) Penalties as cited for nonsignificant trees (\$6000) and significant trees (\$9000) in Amendment 6 are already in City code SMC 20.80.130 E.2.

Amendment 7 – Exemptions from Tree Permit: removal of 3 trees per 7200sf plus 1 tree each additional 7200sf. TPCT original proposal includes incorporation of an adjusted tree table removal after 1 acre.

Amendment 9 – Waiving Tree Retention Requirements: TPCT continues to ask that the words “waive and reduce” and “reduction” be eliminated from this code.

Amendment 10 – Tree Fee in Lieu: TPCT (original proposal): recommends 2 options: all required replacement trees on-site; as many as possible replacement trees on site and Director can levy fee in lieu for remainder of replacement trees.

These proposed tree code amendments do not pertain to the following 7 Zones: CB, NB, MB, TC1-2-3, MUR 70’.