



Parks and Recreation

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TO: Jude Thaddaeus, Planner
Community Development Department
695 Warner Parrott Road
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RE: Tree mitigation for dead/dying tree at Library Park

Dear Jude,

Oregon City Parks and Recreation, through the Parks & Cemetery Division, have been working with Community Development and certified arborists from Bartlett Tree Experts to apply for a permit to remove a dead/dying elm tree at Library Park. The certified arborist's report deems the tree dead, which does not require a replanting requirement under OCMC 17.41.

Parks and Recreation intends to voluntarily replace the tree at a 1 for 1 ratio on the same property with a species to be determined based on the recommendations of a certified arborist. The Parks and Cemetery division is currently working with certified arborists from Bartlett Tree Experts to prepare a mitigation proposal.

Staff are concerned that delaying the City Commission hearing to consider this tree while we wait for this proposal to be completed is creating additional risk to the public. This tree is located adjacent to Molalla Ave. and poses a threat to motorists, pedestrians, and buildings in the vicinity if it were to fall. Since no replanting is required under OCMC 17.41 and staff are voluntarily offering to mitigate the tree under consideration, we respectfully request to move forward with the City Commission hearing on August 6th. Parks and Recreation will continue to work with a certified arborist to prepare a mitigation proposal, which will be shared as soon as we are able to provide it.

Sincerely,

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