



# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: August 4, 2004

Staff Report for Agenda Item: C-3

## **Issue Determination on an Application to Remove 57 Heritage Trees and Relocate 2 Heritage Trees as Part of the Proposed Residential Development at 110 and 175 Linfield Drive**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The applicants originally submitted to the City an application for a proposed residential development in January 2003. The location of the project is on the two parcels on the northwest and southeast sides of Linfield Drive, approximately 500 feet west of Middlefield Road. The proposal included the demolition of office buildings on the parcels at 110 and 175 Linfield Drive. A review of the proposed removal and relocation of heritage trees was conducted by the Environmental Quality Commission in March 2003. The project was postponed by the applicants soon thereafter. A revised project design was submitted in June 2004 for a total of 58 residential units.

### **ANALYSIS**

The applicant is currently proposing to remove a total of 57 heritage trees and to relocate 2 heritage trees, out of an estimated total of 100 heritage trees on the site.

The applicant has submitted summaries of the modifications of their plans for heritage tree removals and relocations, including tables listing trees on the sites and maps of the existing site and the proposed site. Attachment 1 contains the summary, spreadsheet and maps for 175 Linfield Drive and Attachment 2 contains the summary, spreadsheet and maps for 110 Linfield Drive. The spreadsheets indicate the numbers assigned to the trees, their common names, species, dimensions, conditions, whether they are heritage size or not and whether they will remain, be removed or be relocated. The maps show the locations of the numbered trees on the existing sites and on the proposed development plans.

For the original project proposal in 2003, staff identified significant trees that might be saved in each of the two parcels. For 110 Linfield, staff identified 3 heritage trees for preservation that the applicant was proposing to either remove or

relocate. Of these 3 trees, the applicant has now modified the proposal to preserve 2 trees (#2, #3). The applicant is still requesting removal of tree #17.

For 175 Linfield, staff identified eight heritage trees for preservation that the applicant was proposing to either remove or relocate. Of these eight trees, the applicant has modified the proposal to preserve seven heritage trees (#24, #25, #26, #29, #30, #51, #52). The applicant is still requesting relocation of tree #35. In addition, the applicant is proposing preservation of 3 additional heritage trees (#28, #45, #48).

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission recommend to the City Council an approval of the proposed heritage tree removals and relocations on the proposed projects at 110 Linfield Drive and 175 Linfield Drive.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. 175 Linfield Tree Summary and Maps
2. 110 Linfield Tree Summary and Maps