

Lefcourt, David

From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2014 7:20 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Main St. Tree Removals

From: Lee Farris[SMTP:LEE.FARRIS@VERIZON.NET]
Sent: Sunday, January 05, 2014 7:20:00 PM
To: CambridgeTrees
Subject: Main St. Tree Removals
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Dear Arborist,

As an Area 4 resident who often travels Main St., I am concerned that the removal of 26 trees along Main St. all at once will severely impact the look of the street. The fact that it will be replanted does not help much, as these are fairly large mature trees, and the new trees will take many years to grow to their size.

Do you have photos showing the structural issues with the trees that I could see in advance of the hearing? If some trees are not in immediate danger, would it be possible to interplant new trees with the remaining old trees, so the street would not look so empty? When the new trees are established and larger, then the other trees could be removed if need be.

Sincerely,

Lee Farris
617-354-6740 (9am-11pm)
lee.farris@verizon.net

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/citycalendar/View.aspx?guid={AC38163C-5A46-429F-AFF6-CBA368A5FC08}&start=635247126000000000&end=635247162000000000>

1. 238 Main St – Removal of 3 pear trees (9.6”, 11.6”, and 13.6”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
2. 1 Cambridge Center (on Main St) – Removal of 5 pear trees (13”, 13.2”, 12.9”, 7.7”, and 6.3”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
3. 3 Cambridge Center (on Main St) – Removal of 6 pear trees (6.3”, 5.7”, 8.7”, 15.6”, 13.8”, and 15.3”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
4. 326 Main St – Removal of 2 pear trees (15.8” and 17.1”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
5. 336 Main St – Removal of 2 pear trees (13” and 15.8”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement projects. Location will be replanted.
6. 355 Main St – Removal of 7 pear trees (15.5”, 11.6”, 8.8”, 7.7”, 8”, 9”, and 8.1”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
7. 400 Main St – Removal of 2 pear trees (16.8” and 17.9”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.

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From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 12:33 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Main Street Trees

From: Xavid[SMTP:XAVID@MIT.EDU]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 12:32:11 PM
To: CambridgeTrees
Subject: Main Street Trees
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As a worker in 3 Cambridge Center, I've long appreciated the pear trees in the Main Street and Cambridge Center areas. Cutting down established trees and replacing them with smaller trees, as has happened to so many other trees nearby, destroys the beauty of the area and makes it a less pleasant place to live and work. These streetscape "improvement" projects seem to take no account of the fact that it will take decades, if ever, for the trees to grow enough to return the street to its current quality.

~Xavid Pretzer
3 Cambridge Center

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From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 3:55 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: 321 Western Ave. - Removal of Pin Oak

From: Carolyn[SMTP:MC.SHIPLEY@VERIZON.NET]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 3:55:11 PM
To: CambridgeTrees
Cc: mrjadjkins@msn.com
Subject: 321 Western Ave. - Removal of Pin Oak
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Pin Oak at 321 Western Avenue.

Lacking scientific data on the type of fungus and general prognosis about the health of the tree for years to come, I wish to state my objection to the removal of this mature, regal tree until convincing data can be presented to the neighborhood regarding the health of this tree.

I have spoken to Lawrence Adkins about this tree. He is aware that the city has put this tree on the list for possible removal. I believe he shares my concerns, but I do not speak for him.

Replacing this tall, beneficial tree, if that must happen, with one of those small, young trees that the city is in the habit of planting would not be acceptable. Larger trees are available and are regularly planted all over New England. One of those small, scrawny trees currently being planted by the city is simply not acceptable and will take decades until it can provide relief from the urban heat island effect or provide beauty to the neighborhood now provided by this regal Pin Oak.

It seems that it would be advantageous to hold off on a decision on this tree until the Riverside Neighborhood Association can meet and discuss this tree's fate.

Regards,
Carolyn Shipley
15 Laurel St.

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From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 4:56 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Proposed Removal of Oak - 321 Western Avenue

From: Susan Juretschke[SMTP:SUSANJURET@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 4:56:20 PM
To: CambridgeTrees
Subject: Proposed Removal of Oak - 321 Western Avenue Auto forwarded by a Rule

I object to the proposed removal of the large oak at 321 Western Avenue. It is a valuable, large tree on a street where many trees are small and/or straggly-looking. In summer, the shade is invaluable. In addition, a number of items are not clear to me and need to be addressed:

- (1) Who requested the removal of the tree and what reasons were given?
- (2) What is the current state of health of the tree? The canopy looks OK and I saw a little fungus at the base of the tree but no girdling or rot. How was a diagnosis of terminal fungus determined? Is the tree considered hazardous?
- (3) Are other measures possible e.g can the fungus be treated? Would the removal of the tree be premature-how long could the tree be expected to live if treatment is not available?

I hope that useful discussions will lead to the preservation of this tree.

Thank you.

Susan Juretschke
10 Gilmore St., #2
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 876-6542

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From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 01, 2014 3:03 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Tree removal in Huron area B.
Attachments: Tree Hearing 10-16-13.docx; _Granville Road.pdf

From: Randall, Janet[SMTP:J.RANDALL@NEU.EDU]
Sent: Wednesday, January 01, 2014 3:03:15 PM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David
Cc: Jan Devereux (jan.devereux@gmail.com); Diane Norris; Woodbury, Catherine; Kanderson@kleinfelder.com
Subject: Tree removal in Huron area B.
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To: David Lefcourt, City Arborist
cc. KyAnn Anderson, DPW Community Coordinator, 617.498.4708 Kanderson@kleinfelder.com
Catherine Daly Woodbury, DPW Project Manager, 617.349.4818 cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov

Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

I live at 62-64 Granville between Saville and Vassal Lane. Two days ago, I discovered signs marking the two large trees outside my house for demolition.

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Several are in this Huron B neighborhood:

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It turns out that the plan to remove these trees is new. The attached document, taken from the Huron B Improvements site (excerpted drawing below)

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/cityprojects/detail.aspx?path=%2fsitecore%2fcontent%2fhome%2ftheworks%2fcityprojects%2f2012%2falewife sewerseparationprojecthuronb states>

"EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN LESS THAN 36" CLEARANCE. The language is not very clear, but it seems to say that the tree will remain.

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

GRANVILLE ROAD

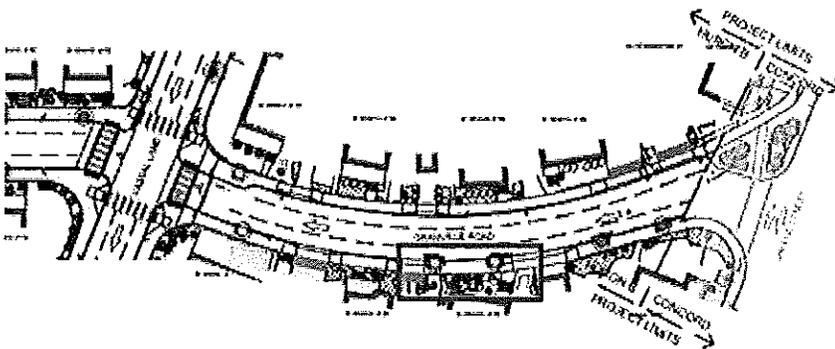
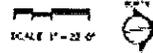
SEPTEMBER 2013

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED SIDEWALK
-  PROPOSED LAWN AREA
-  TRAFFIC LANE DIRECTION
-  AT-GRADE CROSSWALK
-  RAISED CROSSWALK

-  SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE CANOPY
-  EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN (10' OR MORE)
-  EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN (LESS THAN 30' CLEARANCE)
-  REMOVE AND REPLACE
-  PROPOSED TREE (STREET 4) (BACK OF SIDEWALK 5)

LOSS OF PARKING 1



And, also according to the tree hearing notice, though for most of the trees being removed, it says "Location will be replanted," here there is NO replanting plan.

I'm really concerned about this. First, these are the ONLY two large very mature trees on the block. (The two on the right side of the drawing are younger.)

When they're gone, most of the street will have NO trees. And this seems to be the situation in the immediate neighborhood.

Two trees were taken down around the corner on Vassal Lane last Spring, and the stumps have stood there for many months since the demolition.

No replanting was done.

I had discussed the state of our two trees with you a year or two ago, and you warned me that they would need pruning so as not to become hazardous, and, I'm very happy to say, the pruning was done.

We all know the value of having trees, especially mature ones. I think it should be a priority to keep mature trees. Taking them down requires grinding stumps, and replanting is tricky, because of their massive roots. Sidewalks need to be dug up to accommodate new trees, also more costly than pruning.

But when trees really do need to come out, can we be sure that they are replaced as soon as possible?

Please come and take a look. The street will look quite different when these two beautiful specimens are gone. Is there no way to keep them???

Janet Randall

64 Granville Road
Cambridge Massachusetts 02138
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617-661-3116 home

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From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 01, 2014 9:28 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Tree removal in Huron area B.

From: Steven Bercu[SMTP:BERCU@LIMELAW.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 01, 2014 9:27:32 PM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David
Cc: Randall, Janet; DiAnn Perimutter;
Julie Silberman (julsilb@comcast.net); Julie Taylor;
Patty Nolan (nolanpatty@verizon.net); janos stone; Josh Greene;
Andrea Heberlein; Nicole Stone; Judy Braha (judyb_99@comcast.net);
Rich Fisher; Abby Matteson; Bruce Ward; jan.devereux@gmail.com;
Woodbury, Catherine; KyAnn Anderson; dejaveux@aol.com; alice@bredin.com
Subject: RE: FW: Tree removal in Huron area B.
Auto forwarded by a Rule

Dear Mr. Lefcourt (Arborist, the City of Cambridge):

I write in connection with the tree hearing to be held on Tuesday of next week (January 7) and specifically with respect to the two trees noticed for removal at 62-64 Granville Road ("Removal of 2 Norway maples (30.1" and 24.4") (the "Granville Trees") due to structural issues along trunk and canopy"). I own a condo at 132 Fayerweather Street, which is approximately 100' from the trees in question. I hereby formally object to the removal of these trees, for the reasons set forth below:

1. We have lost a great many mature trees in our neighborhood in the 12 years since I moved here. Such loss has been to the great detriment of the character and quality of life of our neighborhood, not to mention the important amenities these trees provided: shade, beauty, coolness, phytoremediation, reduction of mobile source pollution, privacy, and resilience with respect to climate change.
2. To my knowledge there has been little or no effort to stabilize, maintain, or heal these mature trees; they are summarily being deemed to have "issues" and eliminated. Of course mature urban trees are struggling; they are fighting to survive in tiny patches of earth, surrounded by impermeable asphalt and concrete, and subjected to all manner of insults.
3. Many important and beautiful trees are being removed with no indication that any replacement trees are being or are scheduled to be planted. This seems to be the case, once again, with the Granville Trees. If indeed the only viable option is to hew down these beloved specimens (which I sincerely doubt), why on earth do you not show a sense of urgency with respect to replacing them ASAP with something beautiful that has the potential again to be something venerable?
4. Merely stating that the trees must be removed because of "structural issues" is not a sufficient basis for proceeding to remove them. As I alluded to above, I doubt one could find many trees in the City that do not have some issues. In the course of paving over most of our public spaces (also known as streets), we have severely impinged on the arboreal ecosystem. Before removing any mature trees, you should articulate specific reasons why they are no longer viable and why the cost-benefit analysis favors their removal (and presumably replacement) rather than investing in efforts to extend their presence among us. Cambridge is blessed with a magnificent legacy of mature trees, a precious and irreplaceable resource, and we should be taking every reasonable step to steward it, rather than engaging in what amounts to the steady and progressive desertification of a lovely, leafy neighborhood.

I hope to be able to attend the hearing in order to state my views and hear responses in person. I would also appreciate your written responses to the points I have raised.

Respectfully,

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From: Randall, Janet
Sent: Wednesday, January 01, 2014 3:03 PM
To: 'cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov'; 'dlefcourt@cambridgema.gov'
Cc: Jan Devereux (jan.devereux@gmail.com); 'Diane Norris'; 'cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov'; 'Kanderson@kleinfelder.com'
Subject: Tree removal in Huron area B.

To: David Lefcourt, City Arborist
cc. KyAnn Anderson, DPW Community Coordinator, 617.498.4708
Kanderson@kleinfelder.com
Catherine Daly Woodbury, DPW Project Manager, 617.349.4818
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From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 1:19 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Tree removal in Huron area B.

From: janos stone[SMTP:JANOSSTONE@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 1:18:32 PM
To: Steven Bercu
Cc: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David; Randall, Janet; DiAnn Perimutter; Julie Silberman (julsilb@comcast.net); Julie Taylor; Patty Nolan (nolanpatty@verizon.net); Josh Greene; Andrea Heberlein; Nicole Stone; Judy Braha (judyb_99@comcast.net); Rich Fisher; Abby Matteson; Bruce Ward; jan.devereux@gmail.com; Woodbury, Catherine; KyAnn Anderson; dejaveux@aol.com; alice@bredin.com
Subject: Re: FW: Tree removal in Huron area B.
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Dear Mr. Lefcourt (Arborist, the City of Cambridge):

I too am writing to formally object to the removal of these trees. I live at 57 Granville Rd, (directly across the street of the trees in question).

This area of Cambridge has been a place I have come to and lived for nearly 40 years. And over those years I too have noticed a decline in mature trees - a fact that saddens me very much.

After Hurricane Sandy, two large tress were taken down at the corner of Granville and Saville. And with no sign of digging them out for replanting, two 30 inch diameter and 18 inch tall stumps now threaten to sit in their place for years to come. Is this what we can expect from the Cambridge Botanical Dept. as a solution to any even minor tree "Structural Issue"?

I do worry that this persistent defoliation of Cambridge, if unchecked or if continued with out alternatives, will permanently damage one of the most beautiful cities in Massachusetts. Thank you for your time,

Janos Stone

On Wed, Jan 1, 2014 at 9:27 PM, Steven Bercu <bercu@limelaw.com> wrote:
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From: Paula Fuchs [pafuchs@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, January 03, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Cc: ""pafuchs@comcast.net""
Subject: Removal of trees at 62-64 Granville Road

Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

As the owner at 50 Saville Street (corner of Granville Road) I am writing to express my concern about the proposed removal of 2 Norway Maples near 62-64 Granville Road. I will be out of town for the hearing this Tuesday, so I am writing instead of attending the meeting.

I am hoping that some other solution can be found to help those trees, or at least one of them, and that if not, that there will be new trees planted instead. I understand the concern about the health of the trees but would advocate for all possible solutions short of cutting them down to be explored.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paula Fuchs
50 Saville Street
Cambridge

Lefcourt, David

From: Julie Taylor [jt@noblewickersham.com]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 9:06 PM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David
Cc: Kanderson@kleinfelder.com; Woodbury, Catherine
Subject: Trees on Granville Rd.

To David Lefcourt, City of Cambridge Arborist:

I write to object to removal of 2 trees at 62-64 Granville Rd. I live across the street at 61 Granville Rd and want you and others who may be involved in a decision about these trees to consider these points:

1. When I last attended meetings and reviewed Huron B improvements plans (re sewers), no trees on my block of Granville (between Saville and Vassal) were slated for removal.
2. I am distressed by the lack of significant notice about these trees and by what seems to be the City's approach of "Oh well, let's just cut them down (perhaps the homeowners will plant newtrees)."
3. Many mature street trees have been cut down in the blocks around Granville, Fayerweather, and Vassal in the last few years. No significant street trees have been planted by the City to replace them.
4. While I understand City resources are limited, I know from reading Cambridge reports to taxpayers that the City has significant funds compared to most municipalities. If after a full review with ample neighborhood input, the City determines a tree should be removed, then the City should budget for and promptly plant a new street tree – one that has the capacity to grow and flourish on a scale similar to the street tree that is removed.
5. The character of our Cambridge neighborhood has depended in noticeable part in on the City's street trees (not just trees planted in homeowner's yards), but this character is disappearing.
6. All of us in the neighborhood greatly value the existing trees that border our streets and sidewalks. We love the appearance, but we also love the shade and privacy they provide. All of us should also appreciate the functional benefits of removing carbon dioxide and other pollutants from the air.
7. I believe the owner of 62-64 Granville has pruned these trees. If further pruning is necessary (to keep the trees healthy or otherwise), let's do that rather than use funds for removal.
8. I very much object to the prospect that if the Granville Rd. trees are removed, the City will leave ugly stumps (as the City has done with other recent tree removals in our neighborhood).
9. Tree stumps also can create hazards (such as when partially covered with snow).

I can be reached as follows: Julie Taylor, 61 Granville Rd., Cambridge, MA 02138.

Thank you for your attention and for what I hope is your dedication to trees and public service.

Julie Taylor, Esq.
Noble & Wickersham LLP

Lefcourt, David

From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 9:58 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: tree removal on Granville Road

From: Greene, Joshua[SMTP:JGREENE@WJH.HARVARD.EDU]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 9:57:55 PM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David
Subject: tree removal on Granville Road
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Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

We are writing to express our concern about the planned removal of two trees at 62-64 Granville Rd.

The mature trees in our neighborhood, and in Cambridge more generally, add a great deal of value. And, as you well know, it takes many, many years for them to be adequately replaced. We believe that they should be removed only as a last resort.

Our hope is that these trees can be preserved. If they absolutely must be removed, we would appreciate an explanation for why they cannot be preserved. Likewise, if they absolutely must be removed, we believe that they should be replaced with new trees. Even if planting new trees is expensive, it would be penny wise and pound foolish to neglect one of Cambridge's greatest assets.

Joshua Greene
Andrea Heberlein
52 Saville St. (corner of Saville and Granville Rd.)

Lefcourt, David

From: julsilb@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 12:51 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Cc: diannp27@comcast.net; jt@noblewickersham.com; alice@bbionline.com; nolanpatty@verizon.net; jgreene@wjh.harvard.edu; aheberlein@gmail.com; nicoleccstone@gmail.com; rebeccacaras@gmail.com; xcaras@hotmail.com; judyb 99; rfisher999@comcast.net; abby matteson; bruce ward; Janos Stone; Steven Bercu\ "Janet Randall
Subject: Re: Tree removal in Huron area B.

Dear Mr. Lefcourt,

We live directly across the street from the large trees that are slated to be removed in front of 64 Granville Road.

Their removal would be a great loss to the neighborhood, decreasing the amount of greenery and shade.

The only reason that would justify the removal would be a concern for safety if the trees were rotting inside and in

danger of falling. If this is the case, the trees should immediately be replaced by new sturdy trees.

Thank you for your attention,

Julie Silberman
Dianne Perlmutter
59 Granville Road

Lefcourt, David

From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 9:12 AM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Tree removal in Huron area B.

From: Jan Devereux[SMTP:JAN.DEVEREUX@GMAIL.COM]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 9:10:54 AM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David
Cc: Woodbury, Catherine; Kanderson@kleinfelder.com
Subject: Re: Tree removal in Huron area B.
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To: David Lefcourt, City Arborist

cc: KyAnn Anderson, DPW Community Coordinator and Catherine Woodbury, DPW Project Manager

I write to express my objection to the removal of seven public trees in the Huron Village neighborhood (three on Granville Road, two on Huron Avenue, one on Gurney Street, and one on Vassal Lane). According to the public notice, six of these locations will not be replanted.

In several cases, this removal plan appears to differ from what was previously stated on the post-sewer separation plans that were shared with residents a few months ago. Granted, the post-construction street plans are difficult to read online; the reduced scale requires a lot of zooming and scrolling to see clearly. Some of the seven trees in question are marked in red on the maps but without X's across them, and the key says, "Existing tree to remain. 36' clearance." Now it seems they are to be removed and not replaced? Is this an error, or a change in policy?

As a 20-year owner-resident of the neighborhood, I am distressed that we are losing so many trees to this construction (by my count, at least 20 in 2013), and feel that the neighborhood's character is at stake. While I recognize that some terminally diseased trees may pose an imminent public hazard, I question whether the department is now taking a more proactive stance than absolutely necessary, removing mature trees that might well remain standing for a decade because it is more expedient to remove them in conjunction with the sewer project. However, if the threat of public hazard is not imminent, I would ask that you spare these trees and allow them to continue to shelter wildlife, provide shade, and emit carbon dioxide for as long as possible -- or at least agree to replant them all. If replanting is truly impossible, then a fuller explanation is warranted.

Respectfully,

Jan Devereux

255 Lakeview Ave.

Lefcourt, David

From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 10:03 AM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Tree Removals in Huron Village/objections/tonight's hearing

From: Julie Croston[SMTP:JULIECROSTON@COMCAST.NET]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 10:02:40 AM
To: CambridgeTrees
Cc: Julie Croston
Subject: Tree Removals in Huron Village/objections/tonight's hearing
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Mr. Lefcourt,

As a resident of Chilton St. and a parent at Tobin School, I am writing to request a rationale for removal, and commitment for replacement, of trees in our neighborhood listed in the public hearing notice for today's hearing. While this constitutes an "objection" for these specimens, my intent is to ensure that residents and the Tobin school community, who benefit from the "urban forest" in this neighborhood, understand fully the city's intentions and commitment to supporting a viable population of mature shade trees in Huron Village.

The trees, in what many residents consider our Huron Village neighborhood, are those numbered 9,10,11,12,13, 14; and 16 and 17, on the hearing notice.

I am aware of the invasive status of Norway Maples. All other things being equal, I very much support removal of invasives, but all other things are not equal in this case, from the neighborhood residential point of view. This special circumstance is due to a) the recent loss of other trees in the neighborhood, 2) the size of some of the trees listed for removal and (e.g. on Granville) an overall lack of trees on certain streets, and 3) the impacts of the CSO project and new building projects on Fresh Pond Parkway, which, while not confined to the issue of trees, have affected the neighborhood perceptions of our environment.

While I'm unable to attend the hearing tonight due to another commitment, I want to ask particularly why a sugar maple in the neighborhood will be removed "due to canopy issues and wound along trunk" (at 271 Huron).

Thank you for your attention,

Julie Croston
63 Chilton St.

Lefcourt, David

From: Patty Nolan [nolanpatty@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:16 PM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David; Woodbury, Catherine
Subject: Tree hearing tonight

Dear City Arborist:

I am sending a public comment in response to the notice of the hearing on tree removal tonight, January 7. I am a homeowner who has lived in Cambridge for over 20 years. I live at 184 Huron Avenue.

I cannot attend the public meeting on tree removal tonight and wanted to make sure my comments are part of the public record. If I am reading the notice correctly there are many trees in our neighborhood to be removed, which I think will negatively impact the neighborhood. Further, most of the trees designated for removal in our neighborhood will not be replanted. Of the 19 locations on the list, 6 are in Huron Village area close to our home, covering 7 trees. Only 1 of those are scheduled to be replanted. Of the other 12 locations, all but one are scheduled to be replanted. That assessment is based on the list from the city website - below.

I am writing to ask that any tree being removed be assessed closely and given care to ensure longterm health prior to removal. Mature trees have many benefits including aesthetic, neighborhood livability, air quality, shade. I would expect that we would do everything we can to save mature trees in our city.

Furthermore, if any tree is to be removed, suitable replacements should be replanted. Could you please clarify whether all trees to be removed could be replanted by appropriate trees?

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Removal of Public Shade Trees
City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 at 5:30 pm** at 147 Hampshire St, Cambridge, Mass., to consider the removal of the following public tree(s):

1. **238 Main St** – Removal of 3 pear trees (9.6”, 11.6”, and 13.6”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.

2. **1 Cambridge Center** (on Main St) – Removal of 5 pear trees (13”, 13.2”, 12.9”, 7.7”, and 6.3”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
3. **3 Cambridge Center** (on Main St) – Removal of 6 pear trees (6.3”, 5.7”, 8.7”, 15.6”, 13.8”, and 15.3”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
4. **326 Main St** – Removal of 2 pear trees (15.8” and 17.1”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
5. **336 Main St** – Removal of 2 pear trees (13” and 15.8”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement projects. Location will be replanted.
6. **355 Main St** – Removal of 7 pear trees (15.5”, 11.6”, 8.8”, 7.7”, 8”, 9”, and 8.1”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
7. **400 Main St** – Removal of 2 pear trees (16.8” and 17.9”) due to structural issues and streetscape improvement project. Location will be replanted.
8. **321 Western Ave** – Removal of a 29.5” pin oak due to fungus and decay at base of trunk. Location will be replanted.
9. **278 Huron Avenue** (on Blakeslee) – Removal of a 12.4” Norway maple due to wounding at base of trunk and structural issue in canopy. Location will be replanted. [ONLY ONE IN AREA TO BE REPLANTED]
10. **15 Gurney Street** – Removal of a 17” Norway maple due to large wound at base of trunk.
11. **38-40 Granville Road** (on Vassal) – Removal of a 20.5” Norway maple due to structural issues along trunk and canopy.
12. **271 Huron Avenue** (on Vassal) – Removal of a 10.5” sugar maple due to canopy issues and wound along trunk.
13. **62-64 Granville Road** - Removal of 2 Norway maples (30.1” and 24.4”) due to structural issues along trunk and canopy.
14. **11 Vassal Lane** – Removal of a 24” Norway maple due to wound at base of trunk and structural issues in canopy.
15. **17 Leonard Ave** – Removal of a 10.9” Norway maple due to structural issues along trunk and canopy. Location will be replanted.
16. **142 Garden St** – Removal of a 17.8 Norway maple due to canopy dieback. Location will be replanted.
17. **27 Willard St** – Removal of a 27” Norway maple due to canopy dieback. Location will be replanted.
18. **406 Franklin St** – Removal of a 16.5” linden due to poor structural condition.
19. **143 Hampshire Street** – Removal of a 9.7” linden due to poor structural condition. Location will be replanted.

Lefcourt, David

From: CambridgeTrees [cambridgetree@cambridgema.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Lefcourt, David
Subject: FW: Support for Tree Removal at 11 Vassal Lane

From: Ed Summersby[SMTP:ESUMMERSBY@COMCAST.NET]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2014 1:53:05 PM
To: CambridgeTrees
Cc: Fallise, Kara; kanderson@kleinfelder.com; Rosenblum, Jeff
Subject: Support for Tree Removal at 11 Vassal Lane
Auto forwarded by a Rule

To: David Lefcourt, Cambridge City Arborist/Tree Warden

From: Ed Summersby, 15 Vassal Lane

This message is in support of the proposal to remove the 24" Norway Maple tree at 11 Vassal Lane, next to my house. I am on record (by my email of 1 April 2013) as being strongly in favor of removing this particular tree, despite my general support of the City's goal of maximizing street trees. The reason I am in favor of removing this specific tree is that cutting the tree will obviate the necessity for the sidewalk "bump out" shown in the contract documents for Vassal Lane. The "bump out" was necessary because there is insufficient width for a sidewalk between the tree and the property line. The negative consequence of the "bump out" is the loss of one and possibly two parking spaces, which are in chronic short supply in this block of Vassal Lane due to the 12-unit apartment building at 269-271 Huron Avenue which backs upon Vassal Lane. The fact is that 12 apartments means at least 12 extra cars seeking parking spaces in this block, which negatively impacts the availability of on-street parking for other residents.

When the tree in question is removed, there will no longer be a reason for the "bump out", and the resultant change in the contract drawings will bring a cost saving to the City. If desired, at the conclusion of the construction project a new tree of a smaller species could be planted in this location. Another mitigating factor is that in my front yard near the street there are two healthy trees - a flowering Cherry and a Japanese Maple, so this end of Vassal Lane is not lacking trees.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I plan on attending the Tree Hearing today at 5:30 PM.

Sincerely,

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Lefcourt, David

From: Ann Loos [ahloos@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2014 7:54 PM
To: CambridgeTrees; Lefcourt, David; Kanderson@kleinfelder.com; Woodbury, Catherine
Cc: Noam Weinstein; Ann Loos
Subject: removal of tree 15 Gurney St.

Dear Mr. Lefcourt, Ms. Anderson, and Ms. Woodbury,

According to a recently posted sign on the maple tree on the border of our property and our neighbors at #15, the tree is marked for removal. Since the tree is diseased, it makes sense to remove it, but we would like assurance that another tree will replace it further back on the property. The shade and foliage provided by a tree adds beauty and value to the two properties.

Does its removal mean that we will retain the parking space near it? (The earlier plan shows a bump out to get around the tree and the loss of a parking space). Since we are the only house on the street without off street parking, we feel it is important to keep the space clear for parking.

We will be at the hearing tomorrow night, but we wanted to express our concerns before hand.

Sincerely,

Ann and Karl Loos

17 Gurney St.

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