

December 8, 2020

RE: Removal of trees #14 and #15 at Villa Marbella

To Whom It May Concern:

Upon intake the City arborist noted the same concerns I had with these two trees. As he gave the option to remove them I will concur. The #15 maple is not in good condition and the #14 tree is in a poor location based on how the development has to unfold.

The City tree sheets will be updated and an additional eight trees will most likely be required for replacement. This will bring the total to around 34 replacement trees. At least half of these should be natives of some sort

There is a great deal of space on the mid lower slope south of the new home. Planting the correct species and sizes in this area will help stabilize the slope and add to the biodiversity of the site.

I would recommend three or four Shore pine, six hazel clumps, six vine maples (natives or otherwise), eight Serviceberry, and four or five Cascara that can be scattered along the mid upper level of the slope. Japanese Snowbell, Eastern Redbuds, and Japanese vine maples would be good additions to the upper yard near the more formally landscaped areas. Fruit trees would also be good additions to the yard, especially along the west side where they would get good sun coverage and could be maintained in smaller statures as to not interfere with any lake views which may be present.

Alaska Weeping cedar or English hornbeams would make nice entry trees lining the driveway. If it isn't against the rules it would be nice to drop something like a pair of beech or oaks in the common space area at the base of the slope.

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