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I have lived in this neighborhood for 50 years. The area to the west of the property was only turned into a parking lot when the Boys and Girls club developed it. Prior to that it was a playground for the school.

Regarding the arborists testimony and report, the 5 trees on the south side of the property are Austrian Pines, not Leyland Cypress trees. He also implied that the root development of these trees may have been somehow compromised due to the fact that they were planted close to a building. Although it is true that these trees were planted to shield the gymnasium wall structure from view (which would have required more than 20 leyland cypress trees to shield), the Austrian Pines are quite health at the present. The building in question was a built slab on grade. It was a concrete tilt up construction with no excavation necessary. I seriously doubt that the root system of these trees was impeded in any way from growing north. It's more likely that the developer wishes these trees removed in order to allow them more leeway in developing the property structures. However, it's extremely likely that one of the trees would have to be removed due to the roadway connecting SE 28<sup>th</sup> St and SE 30<sup>th</sup> St. I think that Mr Thompson's request to have the trees evaluated at the time of the building permit process is an excellent idea. The trees to the East, West and North sides of the property are probably old and diseased and should be removed.

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