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Shivani Aggarwal & Nirmal Govind

Site: 240 Oak Grove Avenue, Atherton

Dear Shivani Aggarwal & Nirmal Govind,

As requested on Thursday, March 4th, 2021, and again on December 14th, 2022 Kielty Arborist Services LLC visited the above site for the purpose of developing a tree inventory report and tree protection plan for the proposed construction. An ADU, pool, and tennis court are proposed for this site, and as required, a tree inventory and tree protection plan are required when submitting plans to the town of Atherton. Site plan A1.0 dated 9/30/22 was reviewed for writing this report. This Tree Inventory Report is not a Tree Risk Assessment. As such, no trees were assessed for risk in accordance with industry standards unless stated otherwise state, nor are there any tree risk ratings or risk mitigation recommendations provided within this preservation plan unless stated otherwise.

Method:

All inspections were made from the ground; the trees were not climbed for this inspection. The trees in question were located on an existing topography map provided by you. No plant tissue analysis or decay analysis was performed. The trees were then measured for diameter at 48 inches above ground level (DBH or diameter at breast height). The trees were given a condition rating for form and vitality. The trees condition rating is based on 50 percent vitality and 50 percent form, using the following scale.

1	-	29	Very Poor
30	-	49	Poor
50	-	69	Fair
70	-	89	Good
90	-	100	Excellent

The height of the trees were measured using a Nikon Forestry 550 Hypsometer. The spread was paced off. Comments and recommendations are provided per each tree.

Survey Key:

-indicates neighbor's tree* **P-Indicates protected tree by city ordinance.

R-Indicates proposed removal **DBH**-Diameter at breast height (48 inches above grade)

CON- Condition rating **HT/SP**- Tree height/ canopy spread

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Survey:

Tree#	Species	DBH	CON	HT/SP	Comments
1P	Scarlet oak (<i>Quercus coccinea</i>)	15.9	65	40/30	Good vigor, fair form, codominant at 30 feet.
	10 times diameter= 13.2'				
	8 times diameter= 10.6'				
	6 times diameter= 7.9'				
	Appraised value= \$3,810				



Showing tree #1

Discussion: The tree is in fair condition. The structure of the tree has a defect at the top of the canopy as the tree has been topped at a height of 30 feet. Crown restoration pruning is recommended.

2	Persimmon (<i>Diospyros kaki</i>)	8.6-9.3-10.4	40	30/25	Fair vigor, poor form, multi leader at 3 feet, history of limb loss, decay at grade, close to home, topped. In buildable space
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3*P	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)	39est	60	40/35	Good vigor, fair form, codominant at 8 feet, history of limb loss, estimated 12 feet from property line, mature, limited visual inspection.
	10 times diameter= 32.5'				
	8 times diameter= 26'				
	6 times diameter= 19.5'				
	Appraised value= \$15,200				



Showing oak tree #3

Discussion: The tree is in fair condition. A history of limb loss was observed in the canopy. The tree estimated at 12 feet from the property line. The tree is mature. The inspection of the tree was limited due to being located on the neighboring property.

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4P/R	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>) 10 times diameter= 19.9' 8 times diameter= 15.9' 6 times diameter= 11.9' Appraised value= \$6,100	23.9	45	40/35	Good vigor, poor form, leans over tennis court, at shed foundation, excessive decay on leaders.



Showing oak tree #4

Discussion: The oak tree is in poor condition. The tree leans over the tennis court area and is located at the shed foundation. The tree has been heavily pruned in the past for tennis court clearance. Areas of decay were observed on the limbs of the tree due to poor past pruning cuts. The decay on the limbs observed is excessive. This tree has a high risk of limb failure due to decay on heavy lateral leaders. The decay in combination with the decay observed makes for a hazardous tree. Tree removal is recommended.

5	Empress tree (<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>)	11.5	70	35/25	Fair vigor, fair form.
6	Empress tree (<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>)	12.0	70	35/25	Fair vigor, fair form.
7	Bay (<i>Umbellularia californica</i>)	8.5-3.3-3.5	50	15/15	Fair vigor, poor form, multi leader at grade.

Tree#	Species	DBH	CON	HT/SP	Comments
8P	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)	45.2	65	35/35	Good vigor, fair form, mature, cabled in past, cables look to be rusted, inspection of cables needed, codominant at 8 feet, decay on limbs from past pruning.
	10 times diameter= 37.6'				
	8 times diameter= 30.1'				
	6 times diameter= 22.6'				
	Appraised value= \$23,500				



Showing mature oak tree #8

Discussion: Oak tree #8 is in fair condition. The tree is mature for the species. Cables were observed on the codominant leaders. The cables appear to be rusted and old. It is recommended to have the cables inspected and re-installed. Decay on many of the limbs was observed. Crown reduction pruning is recommended to reduce risk of limb loss.

Tree#	Species	DBH	CON	HT/SP	Comments
9P	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)	52.8	45	55/55	Fair to poor vigor, fair form, history of limb loss, mature, cabled in past, cables need inspection, large areas of decay on leaders.
	10 times diameter= 44'				
	8 times diameter= 35.2'				
	6 times diameter= 26.4'				
	Appraised value= \$21,300				



Showing mature oak tree #9

Discussion: Oak tree #9 is in decline (poor condition). The tree's vigor is in decline and is likely an indicator of declining health. The tree is mature and has lost a large limb recently. A large decay pocket is visible on the codominant leader near the codominant union. A risk assessment is recommended. Cables were observed on the codominant leaders. The cables appear to be rusted and old. It is recommended to have the cables inspected and re-installed.

Tree#	Species	DBH	CON	HT/SP	Comments
10*P	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>) 10 times diameter= 20' 8 times diameter= 16' 6 times diameter= 12' Appraised value= \$7,800	24.0	60	60/50	Fair vigor, fair form, limited visual inspection, 20 feet from property line, history of limb loss, near turf.



Showing neighboring oak tree #10

Discussion: Oak tree #10 is in fair condition. The tree is located on the neighboring property at an estimated 20 feet from the property line. A limited visual assessment was conducted. A history of limb loss was observed.

11	African fern pine (<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i>)	26.0	55	40/30	Fair vigor, fair form, heavily pruned, well maintained. In buildable space
12	Olive (<i>Olea europaea</i>)	8.7	45	25/12	Fair to poor vigor, poor form, topped.

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13	Hazardous tree- Removed with approval by Town Arborist				
14	Hazardous tree- Removed with approval by Town Arborist				
15	Bay <i>(Umbellularia californica)</i>	10.8	40	20/15	Fair vigor, poor form, topped.
16*P	Coast live oak <i>(Quercus agrifolia)</i> 10 times diameter= 15' 8 times diameter= 12' 6 times diameter= 9' Appraised value= \$3,170	18est	50	30/35	Fair vigor, poor form, topped for utilities, 1 foot from property line.



Showing topped oak tree #16

Discussion: Oak tree #16 is in fair condition (lower end). The tree has been topped in the past for utility line clearance creating an off balanced canopy. The vigor, of the tree is fair with areas of minor dead wood observed.

Tree#	Species	DBH	CON	HT/SP	Comments
17*P	Deodar cedar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>)	34est	50	80/35	Good vigor, poor form, codominant throughout canopy, limited visual inspection.
	10 times diameter= 28.3'				
	8 times diameter= 22.6'				
	6 times diameter= 17'				
	Appraised value= \$10,900				



Showing neighbor's codominant Deodar cedar tree #17

Discussion: Deodar cedar tree #17 is in fair condition (lower end). The tree has poor structure due to the loss of apical dominance. The tree is on the neighbor's property and should be maintained by the neighbor.

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18*P	Coast live oak (<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>)	28est	65	45/60	Good vigor, fair form, 25 feet from property line, canopy into property by 10 feet, limited visual inspection.
	10 times diameter= 23.3'				
	8 times diameter= 18.6'				
	6 times diameter= 14'				
	Appraised value= \$4,800				



Showing neighboring oak tree #18

Discussion: Neighbor's oak tree #18 is in fair condition. The tree has a wide spreading canopy that grows into the site. The tree is estimated at 25 feet from the property line.

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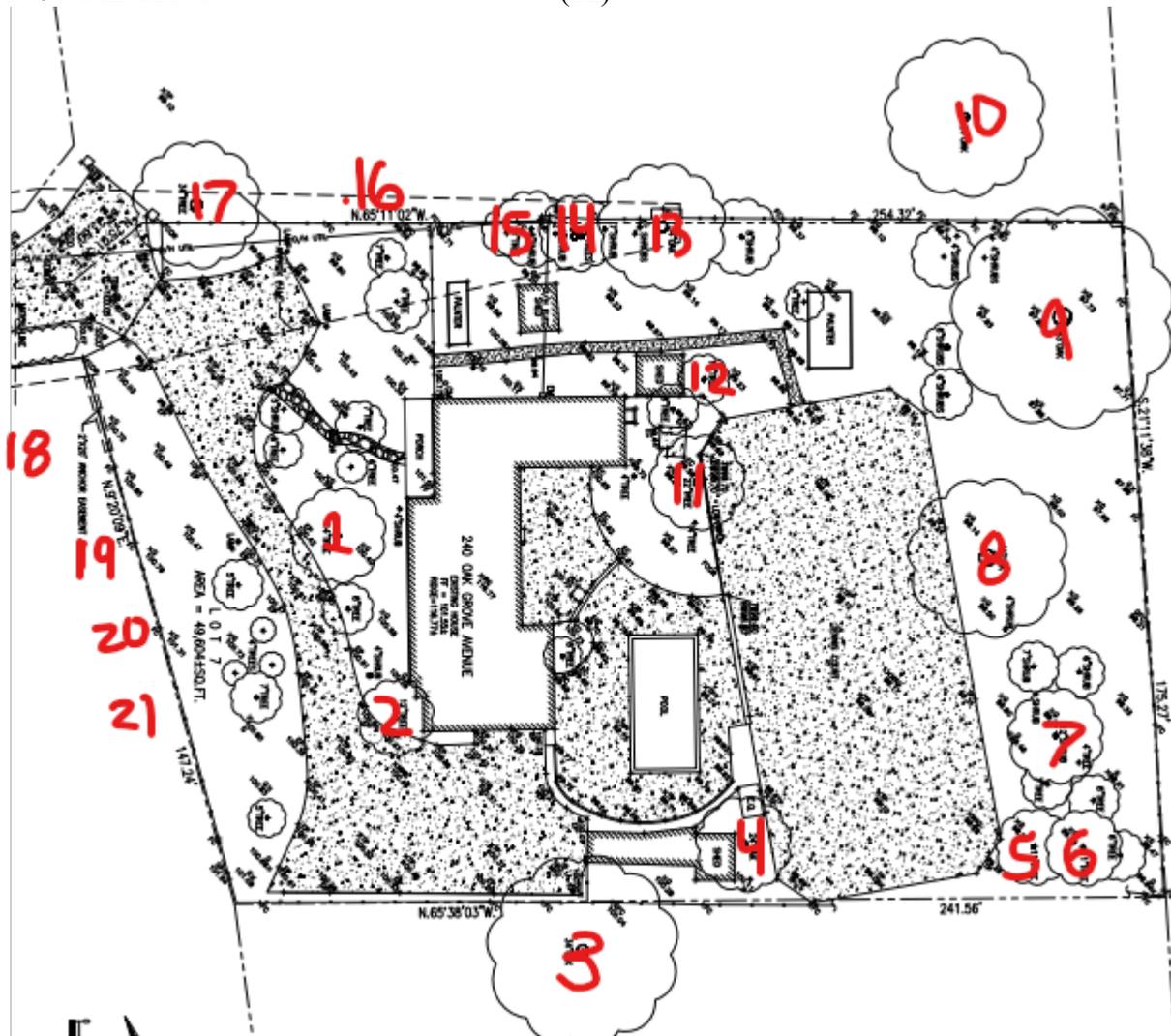
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19*P	Redwood (<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>)	18est	70	75/25	Good vigor, fair form, limited visual inspection, 5 feet from property line.
	10 times diameter= 15'				
	8 times diameter= 12'				
	6 times diameter= 9'				
	Appraised value= \$4,700				
20*P	Redwood (<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>)	18est	70	75/25	Good vigor, fair form, limited visual inspection, 5 feet from property line.
	10 times diameter= 15'				
	8 times diameter= 12'				
	6 times diameter= 9'				
	Appraised value= \$4,700				
21*P	Redwood (<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>)	25est	70	75/25	Good vigor, fair form, limited visual inspection, 5 feet from property line.
	10 times diameter= 20.8'				
	8 times diameter= 16.6'				
	6 times diameter= 12.5'				
	Appraised value= \$7,900				



Showing redwood trees #19-21

Discussion: The neighbors redwood trees are in good condition. Drought stress symptoms (normal for species) were observed in the tree canopies.



Showing tree locations

Summary of site visit:

The site at 240 Oak Grove has many large heritage sized trees, with the majority of the heritage trees located near the property lines. Some of the heritage trees are located on the neighboring lots. The oak trees on the property have been pruned in the past using appropriate crown reduction pruning to reduce risk of a large leader failure. The larger oak trees #8 and #9 have been cabled to further reduce risk of a large leader failure. Continual maintenance will be needed for the heritage oak trees on the property. Oak trees are native and survive off of annual rainfall. The only time oak trees should be irrigated is during the months of May and October to combat longer than usual drought, or if their root zones are impacted. Irrigation during the dry season can raise risk of oak root fungus disease. The large heritage sized oak trees on the property are recommended to be assessed annually for any needed maintenance.

Protected Trees proposed for removal:

Oak tree #4 is the only heritage tree removal proposed on site. Tree removal is required to facilitate the construction of the proposed ADU and pool. The proposed work would require excavation on two sides of the tree. Impacts from excavation are expected to be high on the leaning tree. This location for the ADU and pool make the most sense as noted in the site study. Oak tree #4 was given a poor condition rating. The tree is poorly located at the shed foundation and leans over the existing tennis court/proposed pool area. Demolition of the shed could result in root impacts made on the tension side of the tree's lean. Roots on the tension side of a tree's lean are critical for tree stability. Demolition of the tennis court on the compression side of the tree's lean could also lead to root impacts. The tree has large decay pockets observed on the large leaders from past pruning events that were not done correctly. Limb failure risk is high due to the decay observed in combination with the tree's lean. Tree removal is recommended as the tree is hazardous and to facilitate the proposed construction. New trees are to be planted at the property line to further screen the property. No screening is likely to be impacted as many small trees are located on the neighboring side as seen in the photo below. There will be adequate room for trees at the southern property line.



Showing oak tree #4

Distances to proposed construction:

The text below are multiple rules from the ordinance that are recommended to be followed where possible.

1. R1-A Zoning District for lots of more than 10,000 square feet:
 - a. The TPZ is 10x away from all buildings and structures.
 - b. The TPZ is 8x away from any new driveway.
2. R1-B Zoning District and lots in the R1-A Zoning District that are 10,000 square feet or less:
 - a. The TPZ is 6x away from all buildings, structures, and new driveways.
3. For all lots:
 - a. The TPZ is 6x away from all CMU walls and 5x away from all wood or metal fences that require a permit.
 - b. The TPZ is 3x from all landscaping, Landscape Screening trees and bushes.
 - c. For replacement of existing driveways and/or new, proposed compacted surfaces, allow for replacement in the existing location, but in no cases less than 3 times (3x).

Town Arborist Exceptions:

A Town Arborist exception from the TPZ standards noted in Section 2.2 (A) can be considered under any of the following scenarios.

- A TPZ exception in the R1-A from 10x the diameter, down to a minimum of 8x the diameter, for all development types unless otherwise specified.
- A TPZ exception in the R1-A from 6x the diameter, down to a minimum of 3x the diameter, for lots in the R1-B, or lots in the R1-A 10,000 square feet or less.
- A TPZ exception for all walls or fences from 6x the diameter, down to 3x the diameter

An application and fee are required to be completed prior to a Town Arborist TPZ exception review. Submitting and paying for the application does not guarantee approval to reduce the TPZ. If the Town Arborist denies an application submitted for a Town Arborist exception to the TPZ, the application can be appealed to the Planning Commission in accordance with the Atherton Municipal Code.

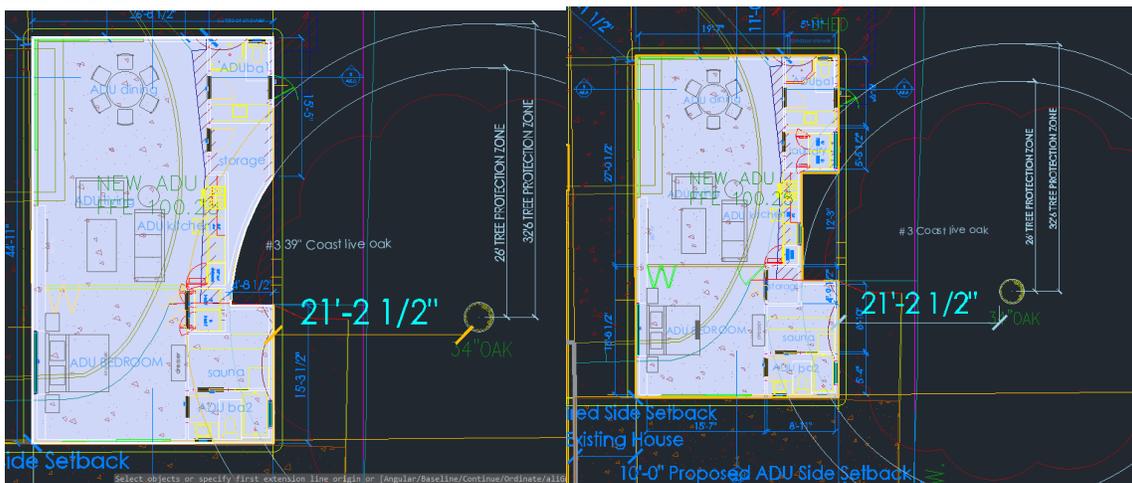
Possible ADU locations:

Various locations on the property were looked at for a possible ADU location. An ADU on the north side of the property is not feasible due to the public utility easement. An ADU located at the back of the property is not feasible due to the large mature oak trees and the existing/proposed tennis court and proposed pool. The shown ADU location is the only area the ADU can be located and is also the owners preferred location.

Town Arborist Exceptions needed:

ADU

Two new ADU designs have been drawn by the architect. Both designs will require a town arborist exception that will need to be approved by the planning commission. The proposed ADU design has been re-designed for two reasons. First, the diameter of the oak tree is larger than previously thought as the neighbor has provided the correct diameter of 39" and is a 5" difference from the previous recoded diameter of 34". Secondly, after completing the exploratory trench at the previously proposed ADU foundation, no roots were found in the existing asphalt area, and roots were found at the previously proposed foundation outside of the asphalt driveway within the existing landscape area. Both proposed ADU options now show the ADU at 8x the tree's diameter in the area beyond the asphalt driveway where roots were found. Both ADU options maintain a distance of 21'2.5" or 6.5x the diameter of the tree when within the existing asphalt area where no roots were found. The proposed ADU in both options maintain a distance of 8x the tree's diameter where beyond the existing asphalt area. The neighboring oak tree is healthy and in fair condition. Coast Live Oak trees have a good tolerance to construction impacts as seen in the Matheny and Clark Tree Tolerance Chart. 6.96% of the tree's root zone at 10x the tree's diameter will be impacted by the proposed ADU construction in option 1 and 8.3% of the trees root zone at 10x the tree's diameter will be impacted by the proposed ADU construction in option 2. Impacts are expected to be minor for both options. Hand excavation under the Project Arborist supervision is required for excavating the foundation of the ADU when working within 10x the tree's diameter. All roots encountered measuring 1" in diameter or larger will need to be documented in the required monthly inspections. Encountered roots are recommended to be cleanly cut with cut root ends on the tree side covered in layers of wetted down burlap. This will help to avoid desiccation. Between the ADU and property line, it is recommended to irrigate the soil when within 10x the tree's diameter using 200 gallons of water before the start of construction and again in the month of September. This will act as mitigation for the minor impacts. A licensed tree care provider is recommended to be used to inject the water into the soil. This will also help to aerate the soil and provide additional benefits for the tree.



Showing option 1(left) showing option 2 (right)

The following exploratory trench was excavated at the old proposed ADU location. The new ADU location has been pushed back by 4.5' to maintain a 8x diameter clearance where roots were encountered. Roots are expected to be smaller than what are encountered within the exploratory trench results below as the ADU is now further away than previously proposed.

Exploratory trench at proposed ADU

All exploratory trenches were excavated by hand while keeping all roots intact and as damage free as possible. Encountered roots were wrapped in layers of wetted down burlap to help avoid root desiccation. Trenches were also covered in plywood boards to further reduce root desiccation. The exploratory trench at the previously proposed ADU was excavated to a depth of 2.5'. The existing asphalt driveway within the exploratory trench area obviously discouraged root growth as only one 1" root was encountered within the asphalt parking area. Beyond the asphalt parking strip and side gate, the area is a landscaped area and where roots were encountered. The following root sizes were encountered. Only roots measuring 1" or larger were measured and recorded.

<u>Root size</u>	<u>Depth of root</u>
4"	2' deep
3.2"	1' deep
2"	2' deep
3"	2' deep
2"	6" deep
1" (4 qty.)	6" deep



Showing encountered roots within the Landscape area wrapped in burlap

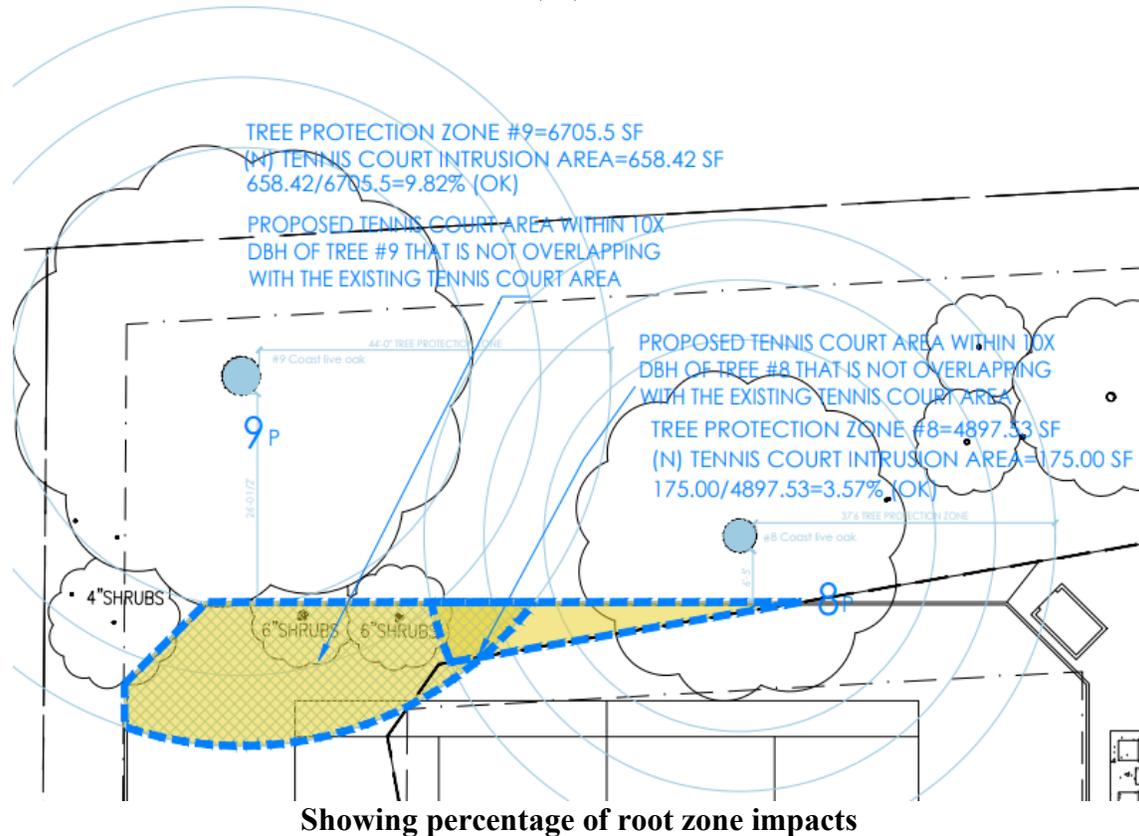
Showing no roots encountered underneath the existing asphalt area.



Showing largest root (3.2") to be cut

Tennis Court

A new Tennis Court is proposed on site to replace the existing tennis court as the existing tennis court is at an irregular angle and in disrepair. This work is proposed within the tree protection zone of Oak trees #8 and #9. Coast Live Oak trees have a good tolerance to construction impacts as seen in the Matheny and Clark Tree Tolerance Chart. The southern portion of the proposed tennis court is further away from oak tree #8 than the existing tennis court while the northern portions of the court are closer to both trees than the existing court. The tennis court work will take place closer than 6x the diameter away from Oak tree #8; however, only a small portion of this work is closer than the existing tennis court. The tennis court is shown at 6' 5" from Oak tree #8 with only 3.57% of the tree's root zone being impacted when taking the existing tennis court out of the equation. The existing tennis court has acted as a root barrier and little to no roots are expected to be found underneath the existing tennis court. Exploratory trench results showed that roots were running parallel to the court and affirms that the existing tennis court has acted as a root barrier. The tennis court work will not encroach closer than 6x the diameter of Oak tree #9 and is shown at 26'-1/2" from the tree. At 10x the tree's diameter, 9.82% of the tree's root zone will be impacted. The tennis court contractor has stated that excavation needed for the tennis court construction will not need to exceed more than 1' under existing grade.



Exploratory trench

All exploratory trenches were excavated by hand while keeping all roots intact and as damage free as possible. Encountered roots were wrapped in layers of wetted down burlap to help avoid root desiccation. Trenches were also covered in plywood boards to further reduce root desiccation. The exploratory trench at the proposed tennis court was excavated along the edge of the existing tennis court where the proposed tennis court is further away than the existing tennis court. The exploratory trench was completed where the tennis court is within the 10x diameter area from the trees. A small area near Oak tree #9 was not excavated at the exploratory trench would need to pass directly through the tree trunks of 2 small non-protected olive trees. The depth of the trench was done to a depth of 1' as the contractor has stated that this will be the depth needed for the proposed tennis court. All roots encountered at the tennis court exploratory trench were under 2" in diameter. The largest root encountered measured 1.8" in the trench closest to oak tree #9. Roots were observed running parallel to the existing tennis court near oak tree #8 indicating that the existing tennis court has acted as a root barrier. Signs of previous excavation in this area were noticed as irrigation lines were observed.



Showing largest root encountered near oak #9



Showing roots growing parallel to existing Tennis court near oak #8

Recommendations for proposed tennis court:

It is recommended to cleanly cut roots as needed growing along the edge of the proposed tennis court. A hand saw or loppers shall be used under the Project Arborist supervision when cutting tree roots. Impacts to both trees are expected to be minor. Between the tennis court and trees, it is recommended to irrigate the soil when within 10x the tree's diameter using 200 gallons of water in early spring of 2023 and again before the start of fall. This will act as mitigation for the minor impacts. A licensed tree care provider is recommended to be used to inject the water into the soil. This will also help to aerate the soil and provide additional benefits for the trees.



Showing exploratory trench for tennis court



Front Gate

A new gate is proposed at the front of the property near neighboring Deodar Cedar tree #17. This work will be taking place within the calculated tree protection zone for the tree. An exploratory trench was excavated at the location of the gate to see if the gate work is feasible.

Exploratory trench

The trench was excavated to a depth of 18". No roots of a significant size were encountered. Only small fibrous roots were encountered (under 1"). Signs of past trenching in this area for irrigation lines as well as fence post may have helped to discourage root growth in this area.

Showing exploratory trench

Recommendations for front gate

No impacts are expected for the construction of the front gate as no roots were encountered. No mitigation measures are needed. The construction of the gate when within 10x the diameter of Cedar tree #17 will need to be done by hand under the direct supervision of the Project Arborist.

Tree Protection Plan:

In the town of Atherton, tree protection fencing should be placed at 8 to 10 times diameter as required. Tree protection zones should be established and maintained throughout the entire length of the project. Fencing for the protection zones should be 6 foot tall metal chain link (minimum 12 gauge) supported by 2 inch galvanized iron post pounded into the ground by no less than 2 feet. The support poles should be spaced no more than 10 feet apart on center. This detail shall appear on grading, demolition, and building permit plans. The location for the protection fencing can be determined by the formula: 8-10 times diameter. Any deviation in determining the tree protection zone will require approval by the Town Arborist. I have approved tree protection fencing being reduced for trees near the proposed work on site to a minimum of 8 times diameter. Where the proposed work is to take place underneath the dripline of a protected tree, the fencing shall be placed as close as possible to the proposed work. No excavation shall be allowed inside tree protection zones without the Site Arborist consent. Signs should be placed on fencing signifying "Tree Protection Zone - Keep Out". No materials or equipment should be stored or cleaned inside the tree protection zones. It is recommended to mulch the tree protection zones using 4-6 inches of wood chips. Tree protection fencing can

only be removed at the end of the project by approval from the Town Arborist. The town of Atherton will require at Tree Protection Procedure Acknowledgement Signature to be signed by the owner of the property or contractor, acknowledging the existence of Heritage Trees on the property and that the Town's Standards and Specifications will be followed throughout the length of the project. Verification that all tree protection fencing measures have been installed will be needed before the issuing of permits as required by the Town. A site meeting with the general contractor, Town Arborist, and Site Arborist before the project starts will be required to review tree protection measures and to establish haul routes, staging areas, etc.



Red lines showing the recommended tree protection fencing for the protected trees on site

Root cutting

Any roots to be cut should be monitored and documented. Large roots measuring 2 inches in diameter or larger will need to be inspected by the Project Arborist before being cut. If possible roots should be cut back to sound lateral roots under the supervision of the Project Arborist. The Project Arborist will likely recommend irrigation if root cutting is significant. Cut all roots clean with a saw or loppers. Roots to be left exposed for a period of time should be covered with layers of burlap and kept moist. The Project Arborist will be on site for excavation near all protected trees on site. If injury is to take place to tree roots proper mitigation measures will need to be applied.

Trenching

Trenching for irrigation, electrical, drainage or any other reason should be hand dug in combination with an air spade when beneath the driplines of protected trees. Hand digging and carefully laying pipes below or beside protected roots will dramatically reduce root loss of desired trees thus reducing trauma to the entire tree. Trenches should be backfilled as soon as possible with native material and compacted to near its original level. Trenches that must be left exposed for a period of time should also be covered with layers of burlap and kept moist. Plywood over the top of the trench will also help protect exposed roots below. All trenching within a tree protection zone will need to be observed by the Site Arborist so that proper mitigation measures can be applied. Any Trenching less than 10x the diameter (dbh) is required to be hand dug including exploratory Trenching if approved to trench closer than 10x.

Grading

The grading contractors are required to meet with the Project Arborist and the Town Arborist at the site prior to beginning grading to review tree protection measures. The Project Arborist shall perform an inspection during the course of rough grading adjacent to the tree protection zone to ensure trees will not be injured by compaction, cut or fill, drainage and trenching, and if required, inspect aeration systems, tree wells, drains and special paving. The Site Arborist shall be notified at least 48 hours before an inspection is needed. If compaction from grading has taken place within a tree protection zone proper mitigation measures will need to be applied.

Irrigation

Normal irrigation should be maintained throughout the entire length of the project. The imported trees on this site will require irrigation during the warm season months. Some irrigation may be required during the winter months depending on the seasonal rainfall. During the summer months the trees on this site should receive heavy flood type irrigation 2 times a month. During the fall and winter 1 time a month should suffice. Mulching the root zone of protected trees will help the soil retain moisture, thus reducing water consumption. The native oak trees on site shall not be irrigated unless their root zones are traumatized. Any existing irrigation underneath native oak trees should be permanently suspended. Oak trees shall only be irrigated during the months of May and September.

Required Inspections**A. Pre -Construction Meeting**

Prior to commencement of construction, the applicant or contractor shall conduct a pre-construction meeting to discuss tree protection with the job site superintendent, grading equipment operators, Project Arborist, and Town Arborist.

B. Inspection of Protective Tree Fencing

The Town Arborist shall be in receipt of a written statement from the applicant or Project Arborist verifying that he has conducted a field inspection of the trees and that the protective tree fencing is in place prior to issuance of a demolition, grading, or building permit.

C. Inspection of Rough Grading

The project arborist shall perform an inspection during the course of rough grading adjacent to the TPZ to ensure trees will not be injured by compaction, cut or fill, drainage and trenching, and if required, inspect aeration systems, tree wells, drains and special paving. The contractor shall provide the Project Arborist at least 48 hours advance notice of such activity.

D. Monthly Inspections

The Project Arborist shall perform monthly inspections to monitor changing conditions and tree health and submit a written report to the Town Arborist.

E. Special Activities within the Tree Protection Zone

Work in this area (TPZ) requires the direct onsite supervision of the Project Arborist.

Kiely Arborist Services can be reached at (650) 532-4418, or by email at davidkielyarborist@gmail.com. This information should be kept on site at all times. The information included in this report is believed to be true and based on sound arboricultural principles and practices.

Sincerely, *David Beckham*
David Beckham Certified Arborist WE#10724 TRAQ Qualified

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ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

1. Any legal description provided to the consultant/appraiser is assumed to be correct. Any titles and ownerships to any property are assumed to be good and marketable. No responsibility is assumed for matters legal in character. Any and all property is appraised or evaluated as though free and clear, under responsible ownership and competent management.
2. It is assumed that any property is not in violation of any applicable codes, ordinances, statutes, or other government regulations.
3. Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible; however the consultant/appraiser can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.
4. The consultant/appraiser shall not be required to give testimony or to attend court by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including payment of an additional fee for such services as described in the fee schedule and contract of engagement.
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Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like a medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

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