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COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 21, 2023; 5:30 p.m.
Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

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A. Call to Order; Roll Call

B. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak to the Community Forestry Commission on an item not on the agenda or on the agenda and not scheduled for a public hearing may be heard. All testimony is electronically recorded. Written comments may be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to driordan@forestgrove-or.gov.

C. Action Items

1. Review and approve meeting minutes: May 17, 2023
2. City request to remove one street tree near Pacific Avenue banner pole

D. Discussion Items

1. Road project potentially affecting the Giant Sequoia listed on Register of Significant Trees located at Mountain View Avenue and Heather Street
2. Visual tree assessment for two street trees located at 514 Willamina Avenue
3. Emerald Ash Borer Update
4. City Council boards and commissions review update

E. Council Liaison Report: Councilor Rippe

F. Commissioner Reports: All

G. Staff Communications: Dan Riordan

H. Announce Next Meeting and Adjourn:

Zoom Video Conferencing

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Pacific Avenue and Birch Street



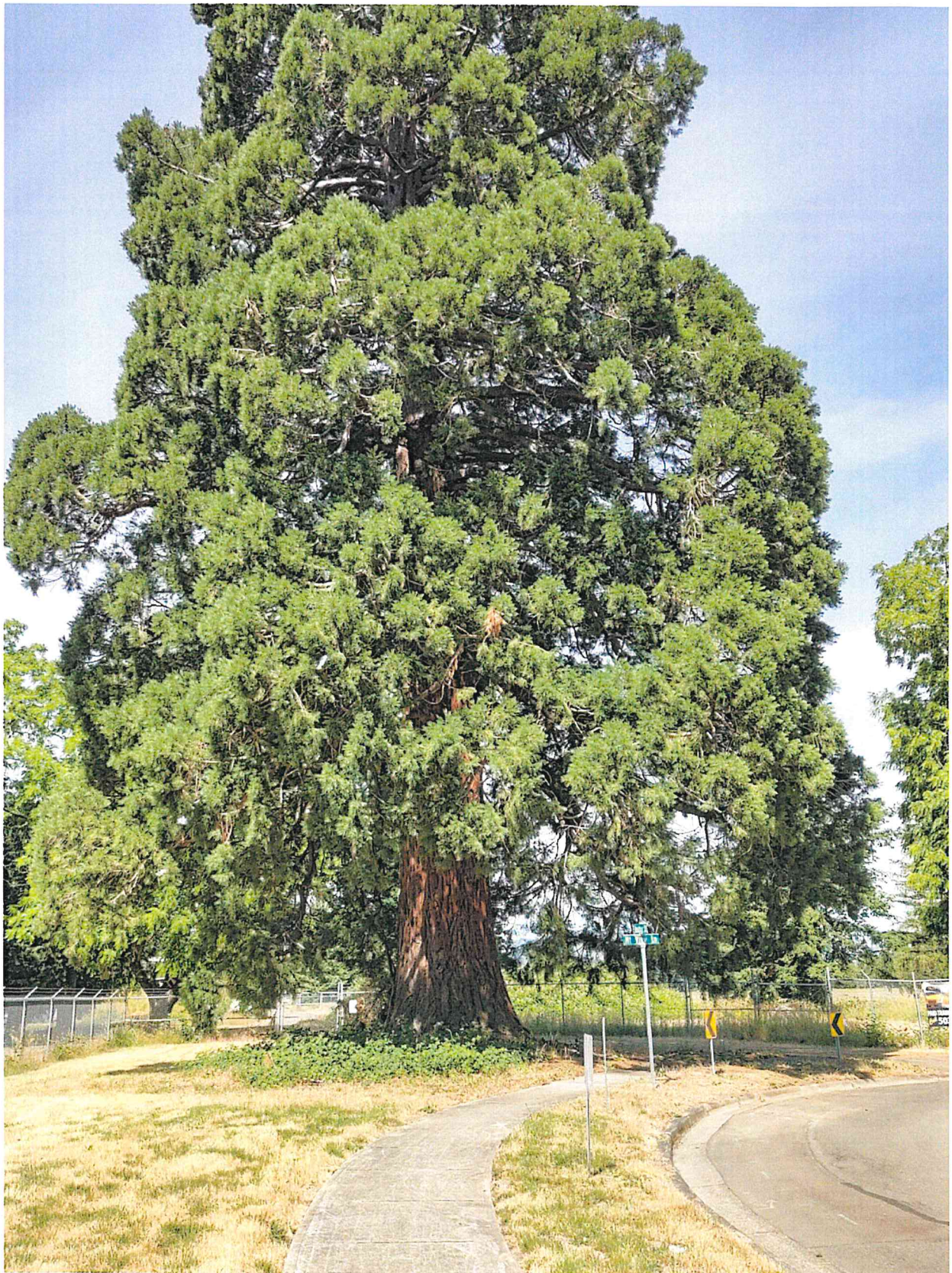
Pacific Avenue and Birch Street



Mountain View and Heather Street



Mountain View and Heather Street



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May 24, 2023

Dan Riordan driordan@forestgrove-or.gov
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RE: Visual Tree Assessment inspection of two maple street trees 514 Willamina Avenue Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Dear Dan,

On May 24, 2023, I inspected by Visual Tree Assessment (VTA), the two street trees on the property listed above to look at the tree's safety and health.ⁱ The street trees were Chalk maple (*Acer leucoderme*). Visual Tree Assessment Level 2. Use of DBH tape, Nikon Camera, mallet for sound testing, 4' probe for probing crack and base.

The maple trees are in the sidewalk planter strip in front of the house on the south side of the street. The eastern tree is 12" DBH and has been damaged by vehicles over the years. The tree has girdled roots and the roots are lifting the concrete. Hammer testing the damaged area on the east side sounded hollow. Also has roots heading toward the water meters. Tree has poor branch attachments.

The western tree is 16" DBH and has vehicle damages. The roots are also lifting the concrete. The branching attachments are poor with much defect seen. Clay soils the roots of both trees are at the surface and have made the concrete tripping hazards. Both trees are diseased in my 45+ years of field work.

I did take photographs for visual records. Diameter was taken as part of field notesⁱⁱ.

Recommendations

I recommend the maple trees be removed since the trees are in poor condition and are causing infrastructure damages. Replanting of two trees should be done late fall when the rain weather starts. The trees replacements need to have roots that stay smaller in the limited planting space and follow the City of Forest Grove recommended street tree list.

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Certification

I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing report are correct to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith.

Questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

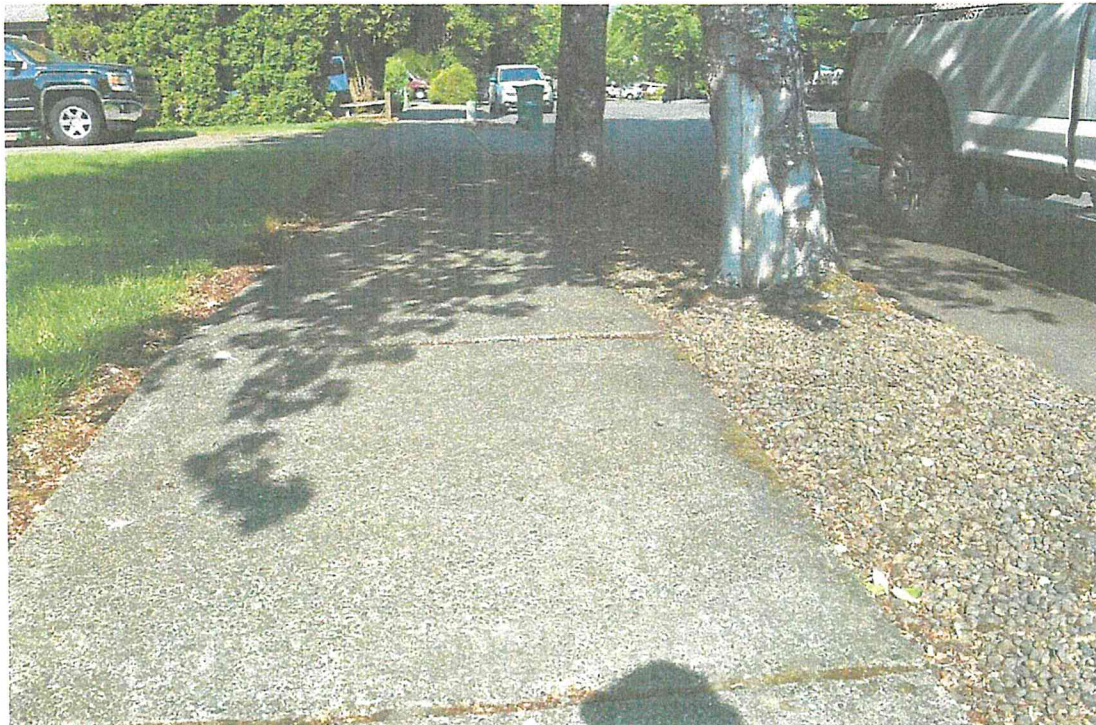


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ⁱ Field Guide for Hazard-Tree Identification and Mitigation on Developed Sites in Oregon and Washington Forests. USDA Forest Service. Forest Health Protection. Pacific Northwest Region. Portland, OR. 2014. R6-NR-TP-021-2013.

ⁱⁱ Tree Risk Assessment Manual 2nd Edition. International Society of Arboriculture. 2017.



View of east tree with old vehicle impact scar and the lifted concrete is visible closer to the tree.



View of how narrow the planter strip is and the west tree and the above ground surface roots. The last concrete pads on bottom are where the roots are lifting the concrete on the lawn side of the pads. Tree scar is also visible on the west side.