

**MOBILE TREE COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT****Date: December 15, 2015****APPLICANT NAME**

City of Mobile

LOCATION

Portions of St. Stephens Road, Clinton Avenue, Andrews Street, Donald Street, Alison Street, and Gloria York Avenue

REQUEST

Remove a total of 19 trees of various species for a sidewalk project

**CITY COUNCIL
DISTRICT**

District 1

PRESENT ZONING

Varies

HEALTH OF TREE

Varies

**CONTRIBUTING
FACTORS**

neighborhood school for children

Sidewalk project to provide safe walking route to

**ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

Trees are located in Right-of-Way or City Easement

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
COMMENTS**

None Submitted

**URBAN FORESTRY
COMMENTS**

Due to the addition of infrastructure in the Toulminville area with the installation of sidewalks, upon Urban Forestry's review, the removal of trees requested is recommended for approval.

**PLANNING
COMMENTS**

The City has adopted a Complete Streets Policy which includes support of the provision of sidewalks where possible; and Safe Route to School Policy, which encourages the provision of sidewalks along routes that may be used by children walking to school,

MAWSS

None Submitted

ANALYSIS

The City is proposing a new construction/ repair / replacement sidewalk project in the Toulminville Community, along portions of St. Stephens Road, Clinton Avenue, Andrews Street, Donald Street, Alison Street, and Gloria York Avenue.

Paraphrased comments from the Community Housing & Development Department are as follows: The project is being funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Infrastructure (Sidewalks) funds – The project is allowing the City of Mobile to use CDBG funds in one of the CDBG Target Areas to provide safe routes to school.

To accomplish the project, nineteen (19) trees will have to be removed. While 19 may seem to be a large quantity, given the overall scope of the project and the number of trees to remain, the impact will not be that great.

Included in this report packet are drawings of the project which indicate trees to be removed. Construction of sidewalks in the area of those 19 trees leaves little to no option except to remove the trees. As stated above and in the Comments section, the City has adopted a complete streets policy which supports provision of sidewalks along every street within the city. In addition, the city has participated in the *Safe Routes to School* program and constructed sidewalks near several schools with grant funds under that federal project.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the preceding, it is recommended that this request to remove 19 trees of various size and species to allow for the construction of sidewalks to provide safe routes for children walking to school be approved.

Revised for the January 19 meeting

The applicant has provided a revised map and photographs indicating modifications to the project that will change some of the trees to be removed, and will decrease the number to be removed from 19 to 16. The modifications also reduce the number of live oaks being removed. See table on next page for a comparison between the original submission and the revised plan with regard to the trees to be removed.

Given the number of modifications and the fact that the Mayor and the Councilperson for the area rode the route on January 7 to review and approve the changes for the city, it should be obvious that the city is attempting to do everything within its power to save as many trees as possible while installing this much needed sidewalk.

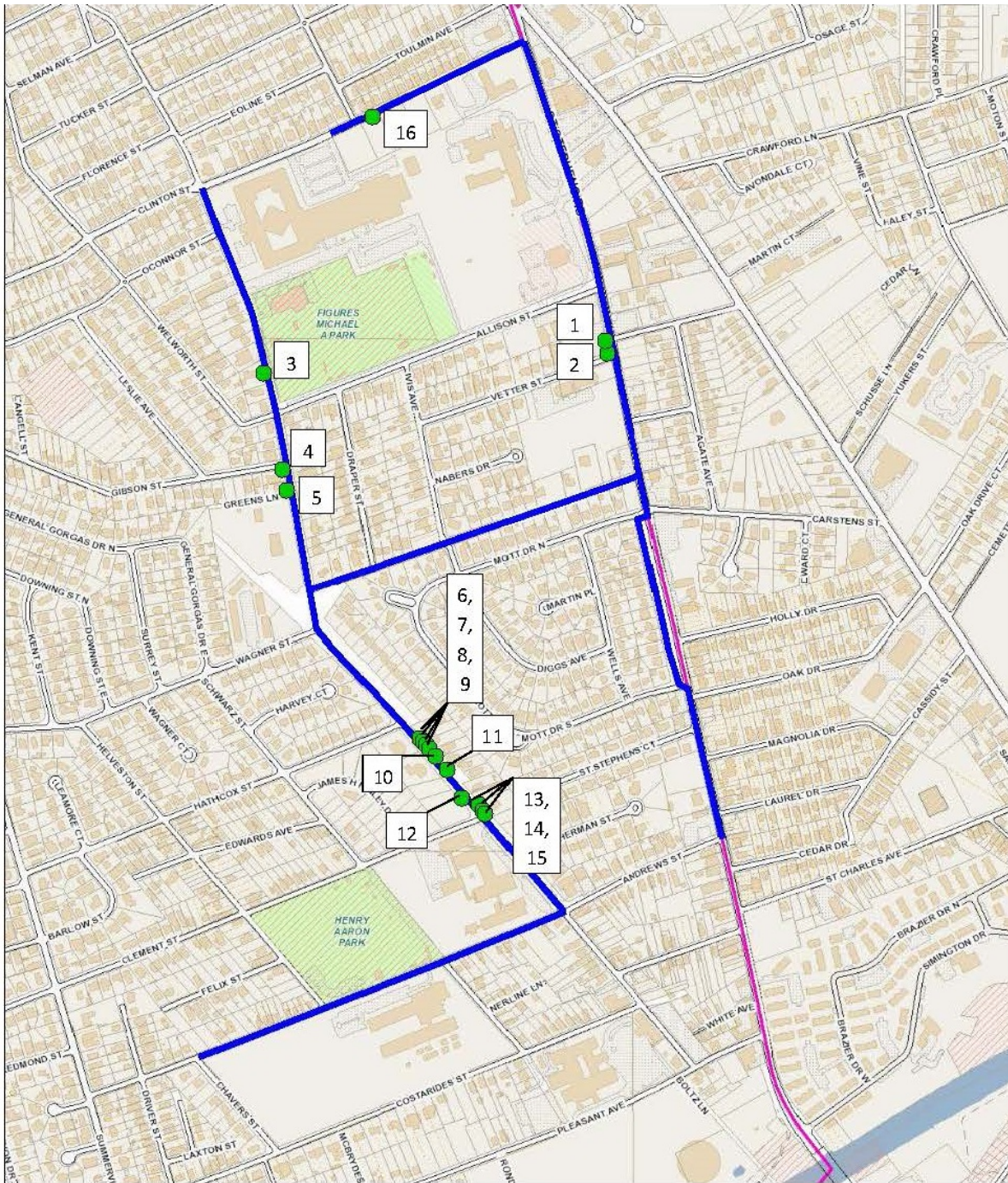
In addition, the photos illustrate that some of the trees are not in good condition.

RECOMMENDATION

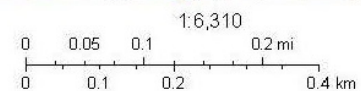
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Toulminville Tree Submittal Changes					
Previous Submittal Tree #	Revised Submittal Tree #	Tree Size	Tree Type	Tree Location	Changes/Notes
1	N/A	60 in	Live Oak	St. Stephens Rd. @ Dickens Ave.	Tree to remain
2	1	7 in	Live Oak	St. Stephens Rd. @ Dickens Ave.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
3	2	10 in	Live Oak	St. Stephens Rd. @ Dickens Ave.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
4	N/A	45 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to remain
5	N/A	42 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to remain
6	3	48 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
7	N/A	55 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to remain
8	4	32 in	Live Oak	Donald St. @ Gibson St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
9	5	18 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
10	N/A	34 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to remain
11	N/A	48 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to remain
12	6	8 in	Pecan	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
13	7	8 in	Pecan	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
14	8	8 in	Pecan	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
15	9	8 in	Pecan	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
16	10	8 in	Pecan	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
Not Numbered	11	60 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to be removed
17	N/A	60 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to remain
Not Numbered	12	40 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to be removed
18	13	60 in	Live Oak	Donald St.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed
Not Numbered	14	15 in	Pecan	Donald St. @ Clement	Tree to be removed
Not Numbered	15	30 in	Pecan	Donald St. @ Clement	Tree to be removed
19	16	32 in	Popcorn	Clinton Ave.	Tree to be removed, Numbering was changed

Mobile Tree Commission



January 8, 2016



Application **P-2015-022**

Date **December 15, 2015**

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Request

REVISED: Remove 17 various trees within project area



St. Stephens Road Tree Removal Pictures



Tree No. 1: 7' Oak



Tree No. 2: 10' Oak

Corresponds to Drawing Sheet 4.

Donald Street Tree Removal Pictures



Tree No. 3: 55" Oak



Tree No. 5: 18" Oak

Tree No. 4: 32" Oak

Corresponds to Drawing Sheet 8.

Donald Street Tree Removal Pictures

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Trees No. 6, 7, & 8

No. 6: 8" Pecan

No. 7: 8" Pecan

No. 8: 8" Pecan



Tree No. 9: 8" Pecan



Tree No. 10: 8" Pecan

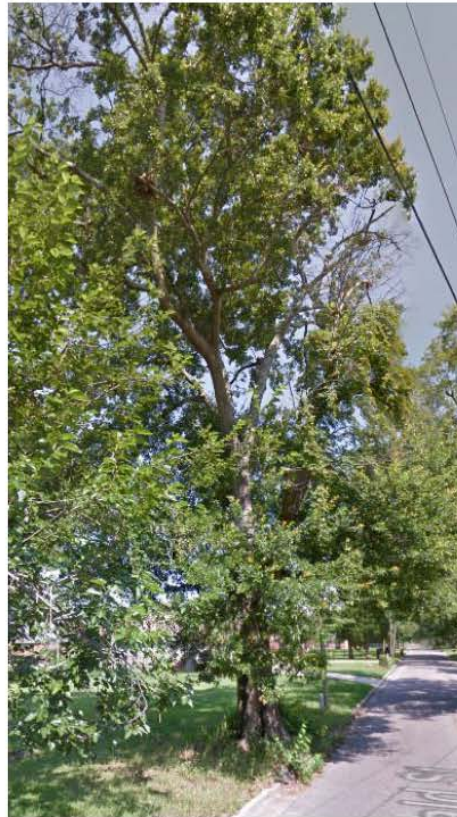
Corresponds to Drawing Sheet 9.

Donald Street Tree Removal Pictures

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Tree No. 11: 60" Oak



Tree No. 12: 40" Oak



Tree No. 13: 60" Oak

Corresponds to Drawing Sheet 9.

Donald Street Tree Removal Pictures

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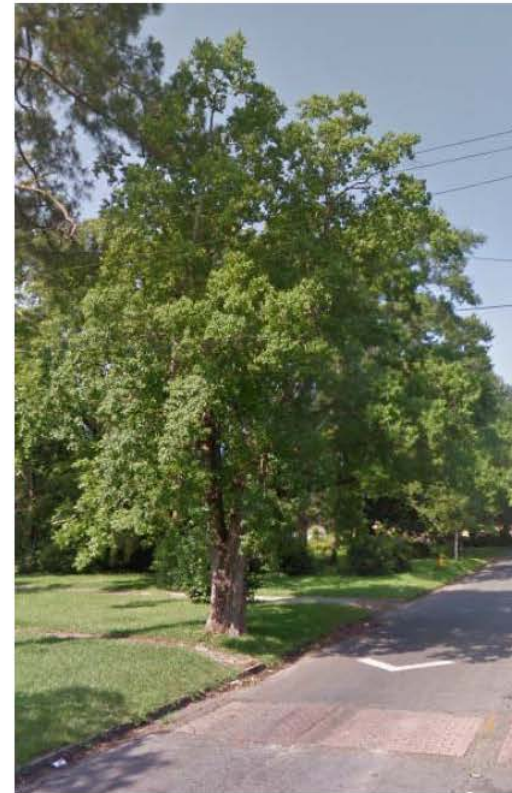
Trees No. 14 & 15

No. 14: 15" Pecan

No. 15: 30" Pecan

Corresponds to Drawing Sheet 9

Clinton Avenue Tree Removal Picture



Tree No. 16: 32" Popcorn

Corresponds to Drawing Sheet 10.