

MTC-086176-2021

304 Long Ct

Willow Oaks are damaging sidewalk. Resident wants to remove and replace with something else.

Council District 7

Applicant: Kevin Battiste

Property Owner: Mary M Sharp

Historic District: N/A

Tree Location(s): On the street side of the sidewalk on the front side of residence.

Species and Size: 20.5 inch willow oak (*Quercus phellos*)
16 inch willow oak (*Quercus phellos*)

Utility Lines: none

Reason for Removal:

Per my conversation with the home owner, the primary reasons are damage to sidewalk/hardscape, to allow room for the other willow oaks on private property to mature, and to improve the aesthetics and health of the home's landscape.

Urban Forestry Comments:

The overall health of the trees appears to be fair at time of inspection. The 20.5 inch tree to the right has some signs of stress in the canopy. Some light tip dieback, lichens present in upper canopy, and some deadwood was observed. Additionally, the canopy was overall slightly thinner. Lack of greenspace and possible old root damage is suspected, as there is a lot of hardscape (horseshoe shaped driveway and sidewalk) around this tree. The 16 inch oak to the left appeared to be less stressed, but showed some signs of stress. The canopy appeared slightly thinned and some lichens were present in the upper canopy. Neither tree showed signs that indicated them to be at risk of eminent failure at time of inspection.

The 20.5 inch willow oak to the right has buckled the sidewalk. Without pulling the sidewalk panel it can't be determined if the root causing the buckle can be removed without negatively impacting the structural integrity of the tree.

The resident is concerned about the trees starting to crowd one another, as well as shading out their other landscaping. At this location there are 3 additional willow oaks that were planted at the same time as the two on right of way, and the trees have grown to the point that their canopies are touching. She wishes to remove the two on right of way to allow the canopy of the ones on private

Front View



Side View



Tree to Right



Tree to Left



Canopy of Tree to Right



Sidewalk Damage



Shaded Holly

