

Sonja Birr

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Lee Kummer - D5; Jeremiah Novak
Cc: Sonja Birr; Justin Nickels; Chad Scheinoha; Eric Sitkewitz - D6; Dan Koski; Sonja Birr; Alvin Rehme; Sandy Ronski
Subject: RE: Trees along Waldo Blvd.
Attachments: Waldo Blvd. - N. 14th to Memorial Dr. - Tree Planting Plans.pdf; Waldo Blvd. Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf

I do not believe that the DOT has reneged on the trees. We have known since about 2012/2013 that all the trees were coming down and that the DOT would not re-plant trees in the terrace as it will be too narrow per their standards. I recall stating at the first advisory committee meeting that the trees will be decimated and that the property owners and citizens are not going to be happy about it.

I was told by the DOT and the Consultant that there would be a landscaping plan as part of the contract, which there is. I believe that this is what was told to the past PI Committees.

I believe that our Forester, Al Rehme, assisted Ayres Assoc. with the design for the landscaping plans.

I have attached the tree planting information from the current plans.

FYI: There are several trees being replaced behind the sidewalk by Wilson Jr. High School. This was a requirement mandated by the Historical Policies as Wilson is a historically significant building.

The only way that some of the trees could have been saved would have been to go with the proposal of only 2 driving lanes (one lane in each direction) and a two-way left turn lane in the middle. This would have eliminated the island/boulevard. There would have been 6 ft. wide bicycle lanes and large terraces with trees.

The Committee and Council at that time was very adamant about rebuilding the street with 4 lanes as it is now and keeping the median, so much so that there was a resolution in 2013 indicating the City wants the DOT to rebuild the roadway with 4 lanes as it is now.

Even if we went with this 2 lane option, there would have likely been many trees removed due to the underground utility replacements.

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From: Lee Kummer - D5
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:30 PM
To: Jeremiah Novak
Cc: Sonja Birr; Greg Minikel; Justin Nickels; Chad Scheinoha; Eric Sitkewitz - D6
Subject: Trees along Waldo Blvd.

Hi. I just read the manger minutes and Greg reported that contrary what has been reported, the only trees being replaced as part of the project will go in the boulevard. Apparently the state is reneging and no replacement trees will be planted in the terraces on either side. Chad, would you please forward this email to the tree Commission and Sonja please kindly invite the commission to the May meeting. How can we be a tree city and let this happen? Thanks all.
 Sent from my iPad