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ADDENDUM TO TREE ASSESSMENT AND PROTECTION PLAN of August 21, 2007

Refer to the 8/21/07 report and survey map for the tree numbers, their location, and specific information.

PURPOSE OF ADDENDUM

It is the purpose of this addendum to satisfy comments of the DART findings of 10/11/07 regarding this project.

BACKGROUND

On August 21, 2007 I prepared a Tree Assessment and Protection Plan for the Meigs and Lighthouse Road Subdivision and Lot Line Adjustment. Since that time a Sight Analysis was provided that indicated conflicts with the vegetation outside of the chain link fence that currently separates the project site from Meigs Road.

Aside from five Eucalyptus trees that were to remain on the slope along the road, many other young volunteer shoots also contributed to a low dense visual barrier between Meigs Road and the project area. According to the site analysis, the vegetation needs to be removed to improve visibility and reduce risk to pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles.

ASSESSMENT

I went back to the site with Architect Pete Ehlen of East Beach Ventures to survey the area. I determined that trees #15, 16, 17, 18 and 21 would need to be removed (also stump sprout #14 would need to be removed as previously proposed). These five additional eucalyptus trees that overhang the road, range between 6" and 10" DBH (one is a double 10"). The significance of these five trees to this project was their contribution to screening in conjunction with the other shorter volunteer saplings (not numbered due to their small size).

I also looked at the area between the chain link fence and the west side of lot #5 to assess the extent of the visual buffer that would remain after removal of the outside vegetation. I determined that tree #41, initially proposed for removal, could remain without affecting the

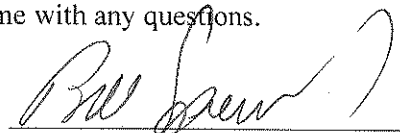
building envelope. I also determined that many other small volunteers would remain within that zone and contribute to the visual buffer, although less dense than it is now.

CONCLUSIONS

- The removal of the vegetation outside of the chain link fence, along Meigs Road, will decrease the density of the screening between the project and vehicular, pedestrian and bicycling traffic. This includes the removal of five medium size eucalyptus and many young volunteer saplings.
- The extent of a buffer was never posed as an issue. It was my initial observation when assessing the site in August 2007 and felt it provided a benefit. There will likely be adequate vegetation remaining within the chain-link fence to buffer the site.
- However, if the property appears too open to the road then a hedge of pittosporum, oleander or other fast growing species, could be planted and maintained at as designated height. City staff would best determine this need after the outside vegetation is removed.
- This may not cause concern being that other construction activities including curb and sidewalk installation will be taking place, thus creating a visual diversion.

Please contact me with any questions.

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