

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: David Hoover, AICP, Director of Development Services

**Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Chuck Ewings, Assistant Town Manager**

Re: Removal of Historic Tree at Wandering Creek Phase 1

Town Council Meeting – August 13, 2024

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon a request for the removal of an historic tree on Wandering Creek, Phase 1, on 48.9± acres, located on the south side of First Street and 335± feet east of Wildcat Way.

Description of Agenda Item:

The developer of the first phase of Wandering Creek is requesting approval from the Town Council to remove a 48.6-caliper inch pecan tree for the development of a residential subdivision. Per the Town's Zoning Ordinance, a tree exceeding a 40-caliper inch diameter is classified as an historic tree. These trees require Town Council approval to be removed. Originally, the approved final plat showed Harrison Lane in a way that avoided the historic tree. However, after putting in the infrastructure for the subdivision, the developer's arborist has determined that the tree will not survive (see attached letter). Historic trees are required to be mitigated at a rate of 400 percent. Per the breakdown below, this would require the developer to replace the tree with 65 trees or pay a \$34,020 fee in lieu of replacement. The developer has opted to pay the fee.

Mitigation Breakdown:

48.6 (Historic Tree Caliper Inches) x 4 (400% Mitigation Rate) = 194.4 (Caliper Inches Required)
194.4 (Caliper Inches Required) / 3 (Average Caliper Inches for Tree) = 65 (Replacement Trees)
194.4 (Caliper Inches Required) x 175 (Rate) = 34,020 (Fee In Lieu of Tree Replacement)

Budget Impact:

There is no budgetary impact affiliated with this item.

Attachments:

1. Request Letter
2. Tree Survey
3. Tree Exhibit
4. Letter from Arborist
5. Approved Final Plat (DEVAPP-23-0156)

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends approval of the request.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve/deny a request for the removal of an historic tree on Wandering Creek, Phase 1, on 48.9± acres, located on the south side of First Street and 335± feet east of Wildcat Way.