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To: [Alyssa Jones Wood](#)
Cc: [Trent Grantham - Tumwater Tree Board Chairperson](#)
Subject: Re: 6005 Tyee Drive Heritage Tree Nomination update
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 3:28:45 PM

ALYSSA,
Update on the Heritage tree nominations:

1. 6005 Tyee Drive Apple tree belonging to Education Service District 113

A. The **Facilities Manager of ESD 113, Mr Otos**, has given **"Landowner consent"** for the tree to be nominated.

B. On Nov 30 I am meeting with **Cathy McCause, ESD Office Technician 2**. She has done some research on the tree and property. She contacted the "Lost Apple Project" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lost_Apple_Project). **I will update you after talking with Cathy.**

C. **Karen Johnson, Curator of the Olympia/Tumwater Foundation**, has done a lot of research on the property. She has found:

- Two previous landowners were mayors of Tumwater; **Bennett Johns was Tum mayor in 1874, James Dunlap in 1876**
- She writes: **"looks like ESD land was indeed originally part of the Kindred claim.** (Your city mapping staff might be able to correct/corroborate this.)
- She writes: ***"a tree ring core would be the definitive answer as to age, which would give you a much tighter window as to who might have planted the tree. Let's say the core says the tree is 150 years old, which would take it back to 1872. The tree then could have been planted either by Johns or Dunlap, if they planted a seedling of a few years of age. If the tree proves to be older than that, then you could safely assume (but not scientifically prove) it was planted by the Kindreds."***
- She writes: ***:your "Kindred apple" seems to be Gravenstein. Gravenstein apples were described in the 17th and 18th centuries, so have certainly been around long enough to have been planted here in the mid-1800s***
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- I asked her:
- **1. Were there Any historic events at this location—I was unable to find any; the specific tree site seems to have just been a random portion of the Kindred property, located quite a ways from their home/outbuildings (likewise a good distance from the Ferguson home/outbuildings).**
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- **2. Were there any historical references to planting trees on this property—I found no such references, other than the rather vague 1893 news item.**
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- She wrote: ***If the age of the apple tree has not been determined, this tree could have been planted by the Kindred family; planted by someone later than the Kindred family; could have been part of the 1893 Westfall orchard; or could have been a random tree grown by chance from an apple core discarded by humans or animals.***

D. I contacted **William Rea, the nominator.**

He has an association with the Lost Apple project and took a DNA sample of the tree in 2021. The DNA sample identified the variety as "**Gravenstein**," a common "pioneer" apple variety.

- He research the land ownership and found the following
 - *Kindred Estate to James Dunlap in 1876.*
 - *James Dunlap to Bennett W. Johns in 1876*
 - *Bennett W. Johns to Rebecca McNair in 1894*
 - *Rebecca McNair to Bennett W. Johns in 1896*
 - *Bennett W. Johns to Edward F Murray in 1896*
 - *Edward Murray to Thomas Roberts in 1900*
 - *Bennett W Johns(estate) to Myrtie Brash in 1909*
 - *Myrtie Brash to Walter C Williams in 1911*

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On Tue, Nov 29, 2022 at 10:22 AM Alyssa Jones Wood <AJonesWood@ci.tumwater.wa.us> wrote:

Good morning Jim,

For the December Tree Board meeting will you have any additional information you'd like me to include in the packet related to the two Heritage Tree nominations you've been doing more research on? If so, would you be able to get that information to me by end of day Monday December 5th so I can get them incorporated into the packet in time for the December 7th publishing and distribution of the packet? Please let me know if you need anything.

Thank you!

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There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilisations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendours. - C.S. Lewis - "The Weight of Glory"