

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: April 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Davis/Meeker Oak Tree

1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests that the Commission consider and approve a recommendation to the Tumwater City Council for de-listing the Davis/Meeker Oak from the City's Historic Register.

2) Background:

Located near the Olympia Regional Airport and adjacent to Highway 99, the Davis Meeker Oak Tree was placed on the City's Historic Register on January 16, 1996. In June of 2023, an 18-inch diameter branch failed about 50 feet up in the tree and fell to the ground. A visual inspection showed that there was rot where the failed branch connected to the main stem of the tree. The City contract Urban Forester was asked to conduct a detailed tree assessment which showed significant rot in the main stem and branches of the tree. That assessment deemed the tree to be a hazard and identified risks to adjacent property. It is the arborist's recommendation that the tree be removed. Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) has reviewed the report and recommends removal of the tree. The Historic Preservation Commission held a work session to discuss the issue in further detail on April 16, 2024.

3) Alternatives:

- ☐ Approve the de-listing from the City's Historic Register.
 - ☐ Do not approve de-listing from the City's Historic Register
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4) Attachments:

- A. Historic Register Listing
- B. Tree Assessment