



MEMORANDUM

To: Rob Cain, Urban Forest Manager, City of Davis

cc: Eric Lee, Planner, City of Davis
Chuck Cunningham, Cunningham Engineering Corporation (CEC)

From: Mike Engle, Cunningham Engineering Corporation (CEC)

Date: 30 July 2018 – 9:00 AM

Subject: 3820 Chiles Road - Site Walk to review the existing trees

A site walk was conducted on this day to review the Existing Trees Plan exhibit, dated 4-27-18, in the field to review any concerns the City may have with the proposed tree removals/preservation. We discussed the overall site configuration consisting of an existing berm surrounding much of the building. Unfortunately the berm must be removed for project infill to take place and we are unable to preserve or save any of the trees located on the existing berm. In general the berm is not conducive to project re-use and is not desirable as it creates a visual barrier and safety concerns for the rear of the property.

The current existing tree exhibit shows preserving the (2) Chinese Elms located along Chiles Road within the existing Parking lot. Preserving the trees as shown with the proposed site plans is feasible. The two trees shall have some corrective pruning done in the near future to remove some dead/broken branches and improve the overall structure of the tree.

The plan also shows six (6) Chinese tallow trees along the southern perimeter of the site to be preserved. During the field walk we noticed the trees shape/form and branching structure are not in great condition. Rob Cain recommended removal of the (6) Chinese tallow trees due to known Tallow tree problems such as excessive pollen production and susceptible to breakage of limbs and branches creating unsafe conditions with vehicles and pedestrians nearby. The discussion was that the removal and replacement of the Tallow trees with larger more drought tolerant species would serve the project and community better in the long term.

The photinia hedge along the southern perimeter was discussed and recommended to preserve as it provides a good screening hedge at about 12' to 15' tall. Some clean-up and pruning of the lower photinia structure would be needed to allow construction of the proposed curbing.

Attached is an updated existing tree plan exhibit noting the proposed changes to the tree removals per the site walk as noted above.

