



The City of Seattle

Landmarks Preservation Board

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LPB 139/25

STAFF REPORT

Address: 800 E Roy St

Applicant representative: Rainier Chapter House

Summary of proposed application: Removal (after the fact) of a diseased street tree and planting two trees

Additional comments:

The tree is an Elm tree with Dutch Elm Disease. SDOT Urban Forestry has posted the tree for removal and removal will likely happen prior to the Board meeting make the removal an "after the fact." SDOT Urban Forestry tries to move quickly on applications involving Dutch Elm Disease to help stop the spread of the disease, but this is unfortunately a common occurrence with trees in the District. Two previous Elm Trees with Dutch Elm Disease were previously removed. Four new a street trees in ore typical street tree locations were planted. Urban Forestry encourages replanting with a different species than Elm. This site is unique in that the street used to curve around but was "squared off in the 70's or 80's but the original right of way footprint remains making trees in this location technically street trees. SDOT requires the replacement trees to be planted within a year, but the application intends to plant the trees this fall when it is conducive weather.

PROPOSED MOTION

Action: I move that the Landmarks Preservation Board approve a Certificate of Approval for removal of a diseased Elm street tree and replace with a Crape Myrtle and a Little Gem Magnolia per the submittal.

This action is based on the following:

District ordinance, the Harvard Belmont Landmark District Guidelines and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards:

SMC 25.22

25.22.090 - Approval of significant changes to buildings, structures and other property.

C. The addition or removal of major landscape and site elements, such as retaining walls, gateways, trees or driveways.

Guidelines/Specific

3. Landscaping:

Guideline: Maintain existing landscaping, especially the mature trees.

Guideline: Maintain the alignment and spacing of street trees. Planting street trees where none now exist is encouraged.