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Windermere Tree Board May 2, 2022

Mission Statement: Augment community awareness of our Urban Forest, provide education regarding the benefits of trees and a commitment to protect, preserve and proliferate our community's Urban Forest. Beautify our Windermere Parks and Recreation Areas.

Tree Board Members: Susan Carter (Chairman), Frank Krens (Recording Sec.), Jacqueline Rapport, Leslie Brabec, Pamela Schrimsher
Town Liaison: Bill Martini

Call To Order - Chairman Susan Carter called a special meeting of the WTB, as an in-person meeting, with a quorum present at 5:37 pm on May 2, 2022 in the Community Conference Room/PD Training Room at the new facilities.

Tree Board Members present were: Susan Carter, Jackie Rapport, Leslie Brabec, Pam Schrimsher, and Frank Krens. The quorum requirement was met. Town Council liaison Bill Martini, and Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore were present.

Open Forum / Public Comment – None

1. **DISCUSSION: QUESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 500 BLOCK DEVELOPER BASED ON INDIVIDUAL SITE WALKTHROUGHS**

- a. **500 Block Downtown Redevelopment Site Plan Tree Exhibit (attachment provided – “Site Plan”, undated)**
- b. **500 Block Downtown Redevelopment Arborist Report (attachment provided – “Tree Inventory/Assessment” dated February 21, 2022)**

Discussion based on the above documents and the individual site walks covered:

- WTB members' initial impressions of the developers plans.
- Generation of a composite list of legacy and other valuable trees worth saving resulting from the site walkthroughs. The list shows which trees, by number are considered worth saving, with notation showing trees considered “Legacy trees”, “Town Property” given their location in the Right-of-Way, or of other special value.
- Recommendations regarding path forward including motions approved to support transmission of recommendations to the developer.

Actions taken following discussion:

- Chairperson Susan Carter agreed to provide a write-up to communicate the importance of maintaining the character of the town and other considerations to the developer.
- Public Works Director, Tonya Elliott-Moore agreed to generate a chart showing the above-mentioned list of trees considered worth saving. Tonya also agreed to obtain a survey of the property or other means to verify which trees are on public property, and therefore protected.

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Frank Krens made a motion for the WTB to accept the list of trees worth saving for use as a starting point in discussions with the developer. Jackie Rapport seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

Frank Krens made a motion that WTB Chairperson Susan Carter be authorized to make adjustments to the list as appropriate for presentation to the developer in advance of the May 19 meeting. Leslie Brabec seconded and the motion passed 5/0.

- c. **500 Block Downtown Redevelopment 60% Landscape Drawings (attachments provided – “Landscape plan” and “Overall Landscape Plan”)**

There was discussion of an apparent lack of understanding or regard by the landscape designer of the need to save existing trees and to retain the urban forest character of the town.

- 2. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.