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Memorandum

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To: Tree Commission

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Subject: Item 6B - Urban Forest Management Plan: Review & Consider 2002

Community Forest Management Plan Goals & Vision

Recommendation

Informational Item.

 Review the goals and vision established in 2002 in the development of the Community Forest Management Plan, and consider if the vision or goals may continue to be applicable to current City planning around the urban forest. The Commission will receive feedback and recommendations from the Subcommittee on the Urban Forest Management Plan.

No formal action is requested of the Commission at this time. Staff is collecting feedback on the vision and goals to provide to Davey Resource Group in their compilation of feedback from collaborators, City staff and the community, to ultimately guide recommendations for the Urban Forest Management Plan. The discussion of the vision and goals also offers an opportunity for the visiting Commission liaisons to consider what vision or goals may be most applicable to the input from their respective commissions, or discuss alternative goals as necessary.

Background

The last comprehensive urban forest management document was approved by City Council in 2002, with the adoption of the Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP), prepared by a consultant in coordination with City staff and the Tree Commission.

The CFMP identified tree-related goals and offered suggestions on City policies, and identified management objectives for the City's Urban Forestry program based on conversations with staff, the commission, and public input.

The development of the current Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is taking the same approach; collecting feedback from community collaborators, City operations and

the community at large *prior* to the development of a vision for the UFMP, recommended goals or management priorities. The review of the vision, goals and priorities within the 2002 CFMP is to determine if the recommendations remain applicable in this current iteration, if language can be modified to update the goals, or if the twenty years between the plans would necessitate new language.

The feedback from the Commission, Commission liaisons and the public will be shared with Davey Resource Group as they work on recommended goals and priorities, tentatively to be discussed with the Commission in December of this year.

Subcommittee Review

In advance of the meeting, the Subcommittee on the Urban Forest Management Plan (established in July 2022 with members C Walsh and L Guenther) were provided the vision, goals and management priorities for their review. At the meeting the subcommittee will offer their thoughts and any recommendations for consideration of the Commission.

Attachment:

 Vision, Goals and Management Priorities excerpted from the Community Forest Management Plan (2002)