

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS June 8, 2020 MEETING

Item 6.2 – Heritage Tree Appeal – 1866 Golden Way

1. In staff opinion, are there potential root mitigations that may be possible without excavating the driveway (or perhaps with a minimal impact on the driveway) or brickwork that would not harm the tree?

The owner could survey the area with ground penetrating radar to see how deep and large any roots in the area are. This would typically cost around \$1500 and would just show where the roots are. Generally root pruning and mitigation is performed in conjunction with repair work. It would be possible to dig the areas next to the porch to see if roots are impacting that area. The edge of the garage floor slab would require a section of concrete to be removed to excavate, prune any roots found to be contributing to the lifting and a patch or floor re-poured.

Item 6.3 – Heritage Tree Appeal – 1950 San Ramon Avenue

1. Is the tree currently at risk of failure?

This tree due to past pruning with stub cuts and its main trunk structure puts this tree at a higher risk for a branch or trunk failure than your average tree.

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1. Does Deer Hollow Farm have an historic or special relationship with the Iowa hatchery? (Seems like there might be closer options?)

Deer Hollow Farm (DHF) has a great relationship with McMurray Hatchery for over 15 years. Although not local, McMurray Hatchery is one of the few hatchery's that produce and sell a wide variety of birds suitable for DHF. McMurray Hatchery is a reputable hatchery for their biosecurity practices and testing their birds and facilities frequently for salmonella, bird flu, Newcastle virus and other relevant diseases that may affect your flock. They vaccinate the chicks for two common diseases and they also sex the chicks which for the Farm is key, as we want only females. Staff could research local hatcheries, but due to a demand in backyard chickens during Shelter in Place, it is unlikely the Farm will be able to obtain the birds they need from a local hatchery.

2. What are the steps in “flushing” a putting green?

Flushing a putting green means to over water the putting greens so much so the water pushes through the roots and below so that the salts get pushed past the root zone. This “flushes” the growing zone of the roots clean of the high salt content.