

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION QUESTIONS

February 14, 2018 MEETING

6.1 & 6.2 Heritage Tree Appeals

1. I recall there are several different grades of arborist/certification, though I forget the exact titles. On the spectrum of training I believe Jakob and Bruce are perhaps lower in experience than say Ray M. Has the City considered bringing in a third party to review 467 Carmelita tree situation with competing arborist opinions?

Ray, Jakob, and Bruce are all International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborists. The only difference in certification is that Ray has a Tree Risk Assessment Certification (TRAQ). It is a course that provides guidelines for assessing tree risk. Therefore, staff has not considered contracting out for an additional opinion for this situation.

6.1 Heritage Tree Appeals – 99 Eldora Drive

2. Should we or do we have the ability to refund the fees for 1 tree in relation to 99 Eldora for all groups? Jakob states it's really only 2 redwoods in his analysis and if that's the case whichever side is upheld both parties look to have over paid by 1 tree.

Yes, it would be possible if the owner is interested in a refund. Staff will approach them after the meeting to mention it to the owner to see if the refund is something he is interested in.