From: Huang, Wen
To: Ann Lafferty
Subject: RE: RE: RE: SSI park
Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 4:04:00 PM

Hello Ms. Lafferty,

I really appreciate your devotement to the trees. The Red Bud trees along the steps are beautiful. As I said, there will be different options, and the result to the trees will various. But if eventually the option that is selected requires the removal of the Red Bud tree(s), we will explore the possibility to relocate them instead of abandoning the tree. At this time, it is still too early to say which trees will be effected, but the design team will do the best to preserve the natural beauty of the park.

Thank you again for all your effort to care the trees.

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From: Ann Lafferty [mailto:lafferty_ann@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Re: RE: RE: SSI park

are familiar with the Red Bud trees? they are less than 10" in diameter, I believe, but I will measure them this evening.

They are the bright pink flowering trees along the sidewalk from the tennis court to the basketball court. You will see them in your slide show presentation ppt. Those trees were planted int 2009. So they are 9 years old. They of course were planted by your Parks arborists. Even though they are not "mature" by the definition you provided, they are unique and will be hard to replace. I say "replace", because when they were first planted, that spring there was not enough rain. Those trees showed signs of "drought stress" (leaves were curled). So I personally carried 5 gal jugs of water for several days, so the trees would survive. These Red Buds were replacing other flowering trees along that walkway, btw.

The other flowering tree that is close to the corner of Chicago and Boston was planted even before 2009, Mo Turay was the one who had it planted. It blooms before the Red Buds.

Would you cut down these trees?

thank you,
Ann

On Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 3:33:54 PM EDT, Huang, Wen <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Hello Ms. Lafferty,

That's a good question. According to the Forest Conservation Law, any tree that is over 24" diameter (DBH) needs to be recorded. So we are definitely preserving those trees. There are also many trees over 10" diameter, which we will do our best to protect. Several trees that are less than 10" will be less concerned if it will take too much effort (considering construction cost and space that will be taken to preserve them).

There are two small trees (4" diameter) near the memorial bench. They will be preserved because of their special meaning.

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thank you so much.

how do you define "mature tree"?

On Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 1:26:57 PM EDT, Huang, Wen <wen.huang@montgomeryparks.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Lafferty,

The goal of the improvements is to refresh the park to meet accessibility and environmental requirements and better address the community's needs now and in the future. Existing recreational facilities and mature trees within the park will remain.

In the 2nd community meeting, we will present more options based on the community input we received prior to the 2nd meeting. So you have the chance to comment on those options. Depending on the response and reaction of the 2nd meeting, we will determine whether we can move forward with the design, or if we need to meet with the community again.

Thank you.

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Hello Ms. Wen -

I have a few questions regarding the process for the park renovation:

1) what is the goal of the renovation?

2) I understand you will have a 2nd presentation later this year, what will the process be after that? Will we be able to comment and amend that 2nd design?

thank you,

Ann Lafferty