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Subject: 923 Johnson Street Additional Information Request

Linda and Larrie:

On April 11, 2017, the Tree Commission requested additional information regarding the request to remove the Strangler Fig tree and postponed voting on the request until the May 9 Tree Commission meeting. Additional information that is needed includes the following:

The letter from the pest control company does not provide any documentation of termites on the tree (photos). During my site visits I have not seen any evidence of subterranean termites or other species of termites in the tree. Please provide photographic evidence of termites in the tree.

Additional information is needed regarding the meter that Larrie used so that the Tree Commissioners and the public understand what was being measured. What is the meter used for? What is it measuring? How does it work? Where were the measurements taken from the tree (provide a diagram)? What does it mean? We were given the graphs the day before the meeting and no one really had a chance to properly review the information or make sense out of it.

I have recommended denial of the removal permit. I know there is a bee hive in the tree but there are numerous trees including City Trees with bee hives and the trees are doing fine. This strangler fig tree is a very public tree and I have received many negative comments regarding this application, mostly verbal. The additional requested information is needed in order for a proper review to occur and must be submitted to my office in a timely manner so that the Tree Commission can properly review it, not the day before the meeting. I recommend that the information be submitted by May 5.

Sincerely,

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