

Attachment C, Planning Commission Comments TC1000003 – Tree Protection

Meeting Date: November 9, 2010

Mr. Brine - I voted to recommend approval. However, I concur with Commissioner Jacobs with regard to section 9.3.2.C. I feel that the percentage of the root protection zone that remains undisturbed should remain at 80% rather than being reduced. Many of the changes in this text amendment are aimed at increasing the changes of tree survival. Decreasing the percentage of undisturbed root protection zone works against tree survival.

Mr. Davis – I vote to approve the text amendment for Tree Protection.

Ms. Jacobs – I support adoption of this text amendment with one area of concern. IN Section 9.3.2.C Healthy Trees the root protection zone is decreased from 80% to 75%. This is a change that was actually not discussed at the EEDUSO Steering Committee level and I am concerned that we not weaken the required tree root protection zone area. Protecting the soil in the tree root area is one of the most important factors affecting long term survivability of trees post construction. I would like to see no change in Section 9.3.2.C Healthy Trees.

Mr. Kimball – I approve but I would like to see more stringent protections for trees that are counted in development tree save or buffers that die after certificate of occupancy has been issued should be replaced. There needs to be a coordination of enforcement in order that trees are truly saved.

Mr. Martin – Yes, to improve the existing UDO.

Mr. Whitley – I voted to approve.

Mr. Womack – Voted approval.