City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form

City Council Agenda Items and Contracts, Leases or Agreements

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12/6/2011

City Council Meeting Date
Agenda Items Only

Alison Jumper N	Park Plannin	g	Parks and Recreation
Submitted By	Division		Department
	Action Require	ed:	
Tree Preservation Area Modification at Bellafont Gardens Phase II. The portion of the 1.66 acre tree preserv	property is zoned C-3, Centra	al Business Comme	re for Design for property located ercial. The request is to vacate a
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Revised January 15, 2009

DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

To: Mayor Jordan, City Council

Thru: Don Marr, Chief of Staff

Connie Edmonston, Parks and Recreation Director

Jeremy Pate, Development Services Director X

From: Alison Jumper, Park Planning Superintendent 🖖

Date: November 15, 2011

Subject: Tree Preservation Area Modification for Bellafont Gardens Lot 1

BACKGROUND

The subject property is located within the previously approved Bellfont Gardens Phase II Large Scale Development. Lot 1 in its entirety was platted as a tree preservation area to satisfy a portion of the tree preservation requirements for Bellafont Gardens Phase II. This property reverted back to the original investors who are currently requesting the modification.

The applicant's request is to modify tree preservation by removing approximately 0.53 acres within Lot 1 of Bellafont Gardens to allow for the development of the lot, as indicated on Exhibit A. Additionally, the applicant proposed to dedicate approximately 0.5 acres of land located on the western edge adjacent on Lot 4 of Bellafont Gardens Phase I (Exhibit B).

DISCUSSION

The owner has been working with staff to find a agreeable solution. This request proposed includes dedicating a approximately 0.5 acres or 21,800 square feet of tree preservation area to the south. This is dependent on vacating an existing 20' utility easement along the west side of Lot 4 (see Exhibit C). By vacating this easement, a new tree preservation area can be dedicated adjacent to an existing tree preservation area to the west, making a larger contiguous area for habitat.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends vacating a approximately 0.53 acres of the 1.66 acre tree preservation area within Lot 1 of Bellafonte Gardens as shown in Exhibit A with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall vacate the existing 20' utility easemetn and dedicate approximately 0.5 acres of tree preservation area on Lot 4 of Bellafont Gardens by separate document prior to development approval for Lot 1 Bellafont Gardens.

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- 2. Applicant shall plant approximately (52) 2" caliper large species trees in the new tree preservation area on Lot 4 at the time of development of Lot 1. Trees shall be bonded for three years.
- 3. The applicant shall coordinate with the adjacent property owner and utilize on street parking on Joyce Boulevard to satisfy parking requirements. No parking shall be proposed on Lot 1.

BUDGET IMPACT

None.

Attachments:
Exhibit A-Vacation proposal
Exhibit B- Proposed concept
Exhibit C- Utility/tree preservation area
Exhibit D-Bellafont Final Plat
Applicant's request

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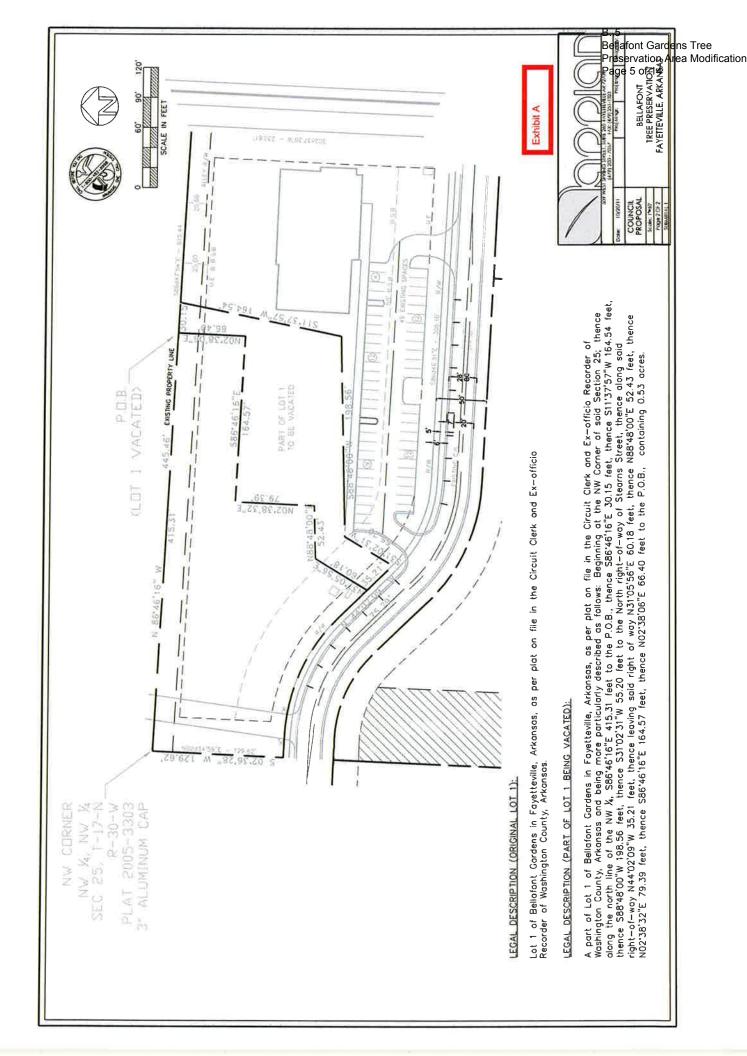
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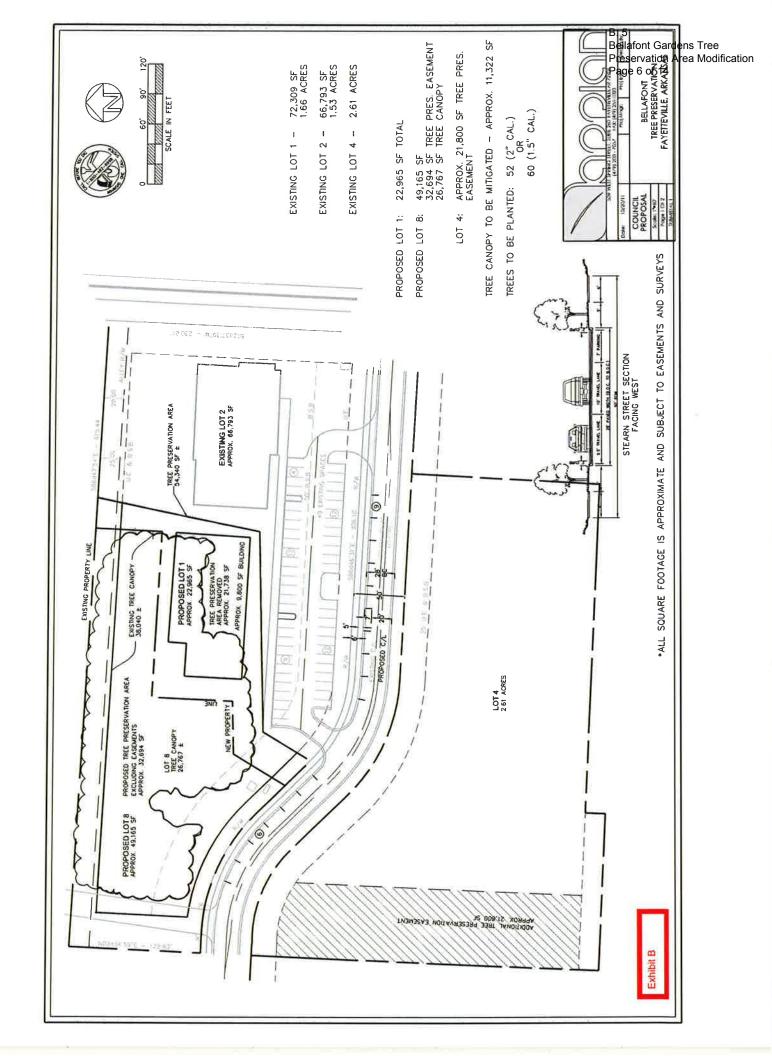
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Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby determines that no development on Lot 1 may be permitted until the vacation of the utility easement, dedication of the one-half acre tree preservation area, planting of the 52 trees and their bonding had been accomplished by the developer and that no parking shall be allowed on Lot 1.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 6th day of December, 2011.

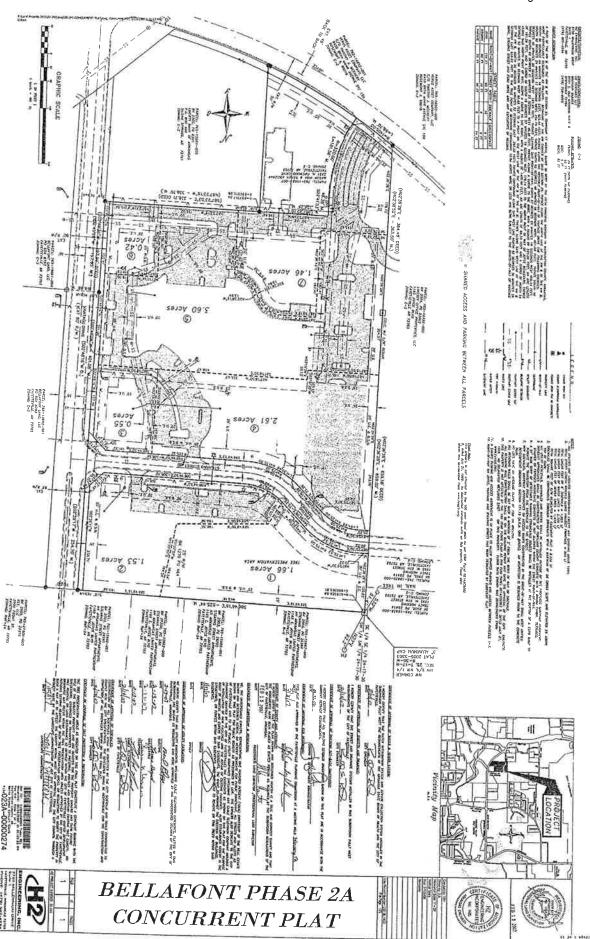
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October 20, 2011

City of Fayetteville 113 West Mountain Street Fayetteville, AR 72701

Re: Belafont Tree Preservation

Dear Aldermen and Fayetteville Commissioners,

Lot 1 of the Belafont Subdivision been established as a 1.66 acre Tree Preservation Area of which approximately 80% of the property is covered in trees. Through a series of ill-fated transactions and poor timing, the previous owner defaulted on his loans and Chambers Bank has been the recipient of an unbuildable lot made up of tree preservation.

In order to recoup a portion of its losses, the Bank would like to retain the majority of the tree preservation and create a small lot made up of currently unforested land and some tree canopy. Pending the removal of a utility easement, the owner will plant (52) 2"trees or (60) 1.5" trees and dedicate as easement 21,800 square feet along the west edge of Lot 4. This would mesh well with an existing preservation easement along the east edge of the adjacent lot, which contains what we know as the Lindsey building.

The owner and I have been working for some time now with the City of Fayetteville staff and believe that we have come to an amiable solution. Please review the attached exhibits for the location and size of easements and lots. Feel free to call us with any questions.

Respectfully,

Appian, Inc.

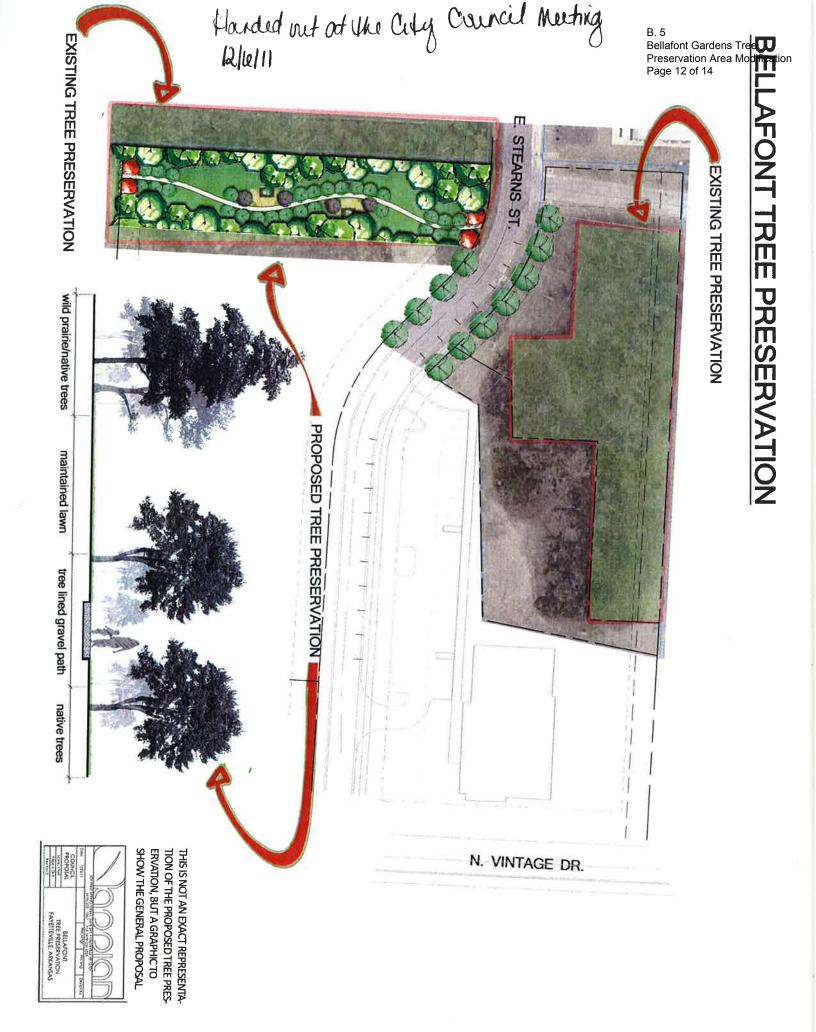
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- (5) Maintenance agreement and landscape establishment guarantee. All plans requesting on-site mitigation or off-site forestation shall include a binding three year maintenance and monitoring plan, which shall hold the applicant responsible for the health of all planted trees.
 - (a) Approval of a plan requesting on-site mitigation or off-site forestation shall be contingent upon the applicant depositing with the city either currency, bond irrevocable letter of credit or other surety, in an amount equal to the estimated cost of materials and labor of trees at the time of planting. The bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or other surety must cover the entire three year maintenance and monitoring period. The applicant shall submit cost estimates to the urban forester.
 - (b) Upon completion of the three year landscape establishment period, the urban forester shall inspect the site and determine whether 90% of the trees are healthy and have a reasonable chance of surviving to maturity. Upon such finding, the city shall release the currency, bond, or letter of credit.
 - (c) In the absence of such a finding, the applicant shall be notified to replace any unhealthy or dead trees, or take other appropriate action as approved by the urban forester. If the applicant does not take remedial steps to bring the property into compliance, the city shall use the necessary monies from the landscape establishment guarantee to do so.
 - (d) In the event trees are injured or destroyed by natural disasters, including but not limited to, tornadoes, straightline winds, ice storms, fire, floods, hail, or lightning strikes, or through the independent actions of third parties, the applicant shall be relieved of the responsibility of replanting the tree or trees so affected.
- (K) Tree preservation plan review form. The urban forester shall use a standardized form for all recommendations or administrative determinations made regarding an applicant's tree preservation plan.
 - (1) The form shall clearly indicate whether the urban forester is making a final administrative determination, or a recommendation to the Planning Commission or City Council.

- (2) The form shall also clearly indicate the applicant's plan is "APPROVED," "DISAPPROVED," or "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED," and explain the reasoning therefore.
- (3) A statement shall appear on the form explaining the process by which a final administrative determination may be appealed in accordance with Chapter 155 of the Unified Development Code.
- (4) The urban forester shall sign and date the form, and ensure that a copy becomes part of the permanent file for the project.
- (L) Continuing preservation and protection under approved tree preservation plans.
 - (1) In order to ensure that an applicant's heirs, successors, assigns, or any subsequent purchasers of the subject property are put on notice as to the existence and extent of an approved tree preservation plan, tree preservation areas shall be clearly depicted on the easement plats for large scale developments and the final plats for nonresidential subdivisions. This shall be accompanied by a narrative statement describing the nature of the protection afforded, and bearing the signature of the urban forester. Lots in residential subdivisions are expressly exempt from these requirements. If it is impractical to include the actual depiction of the canopy to be preserved on the easement plat, or final plat itself, a note cross referencing an accompanying document shall suffice.
 - (2) The geographic extent and location of tree preservation areas, once recorded, may only be modified, or abolished with the express approval of the City Council. Applicants requesting such action shall bear the burden of proving to the City Council's satisfaction that such modification or abolition is in the best interest of the City of Fayetteville. Such requests shall be submitted to the urban forester, who shall ask the city clerk to place it on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.
 - (3) Property owners wishing to remove diseased or dead trees from within a recorded tree preservation area shall seek prior approval from the urban forester, who shall determine if such removal is consistent with sound arboricultural and horticultural practices, as well as the intent of this chapter. Any tree so removed shall be replaced with a tree of like or similar species, unless the urban forester determines that natural replacements of

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City Council Authority



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