

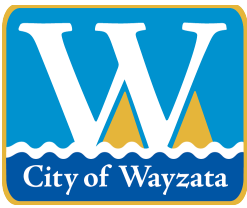


**Wayzata City Council Workshop Meeting Agenda
Wayzata City Hall Community Room, 600 Rice Street
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Sec. 13D.015 and because of the COVID19 pandemic, this City Council Workshop is being held remotely by electronic means using the audio and video conferencing platform, Zoom. Members of the public may listen but comments will not be accepted at the meeting. Members of the public may submit comments or questions about items on the agenda in advance by emailing PublicComment@wayzata.org, calling City staff, or mailing comments to Wayzata City Hall at 600 Rice St E, Wayzata, MN 55391 (Attn: Public Comments). The meeting is available for members of the public to listen via phone by calling 312-626-6799 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 947 4999 9603.

WORKSHOP TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Update on 2020 Elections (6:00 PM)
2. Discussion of Panoway Landscaping along Lake Street from Walker to Barry Avenues (6:15 PM)



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MEETING DATE: June 2, 2020	WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM: 1
TITLE: Update on 2020 Elections (6:00 PM)	
PREPARED BY: Kathy Leervig, City Clerk	
REVIEWED BY: Jeff Dahl, City Manager	

DISCUSSION OBJECTIVE:

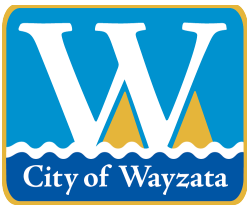
To update the Council on 2020 Elections.

BACKGROUND:

Staff has been meeting with Hennepin County about the pending 2020 Elections. City Clerk Kathy Leervig will provide an update about where we are at especially as it relates to COVID-19.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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MEETING DATE: June 2, 2020	WORKSHOP AGENDA ITEM: 2
TITLE: Discussion of Panoway Landscaping along Lake Street from Walker to Barry Avenues (6:15 PM)	
PREPARED BY: Jeff Dahl, City Manager	
REVIEWED BY: N/A	

DISCUSSION OBJECTIVE:

To receive an update on community feedback regarding landscaping along Lake Street from Walker to Barry Avenues and review and provide feedback on potential amendments to the previously approved landscaping plans.

BACKGROUND:

The current Panoway Phase I design was approved when bids were solicited earlier this year. A part of the design includes new landscaping and trees on both sides of the street.

Over the past month, the City has received more than a dozen emails from property owners and tenants that about Lake Street from Walker to Barry regarding their concern of the proposed trees on both sides of Lake Street. A good summary of those concerns are mentioned by Dennis Marhula, resident and on the board of the home owners association. He has also submitted photos showing views from Wayzata Place with what is existing and proposed. Mr. Marhula's concerns reflect the majority of the concerns staff has heard along the entire three block stretch.

Scott Jordan of Civitas will be attending the Zoom meeting to:

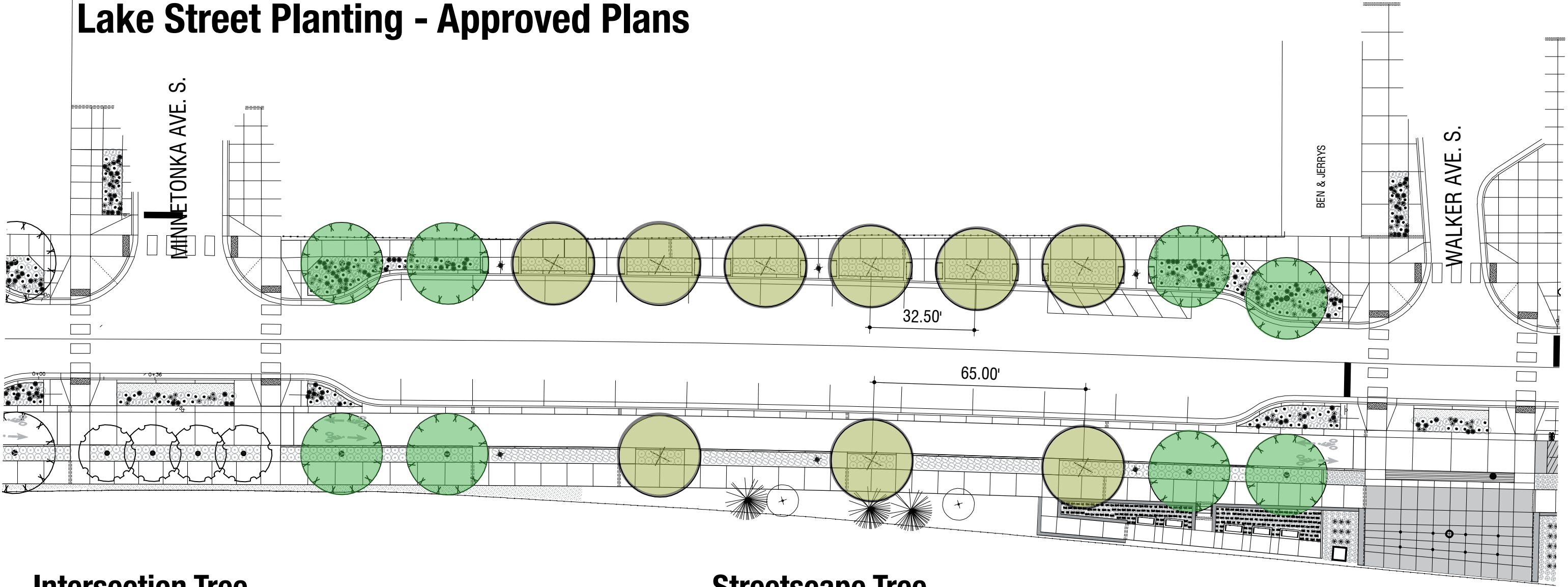
- provide context of what was previously approved;
- go over what the property owners are requesting; and
- presenting solutions.

Attached to this memo is Mr. Jordan's presentation. If there are amendments made to the plans, they will need to be relayed as soon as possible in order to prevent construction related delays.

ATTACHMENTS:

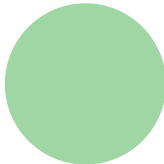
1. 2020.0527_Lake Street Trees Studies
2. Marhula email
3. Photos Submitted from Wayzata Place

Lake Street Planting - Approved Plans

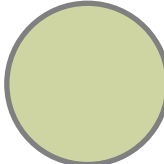


Intersection Tree

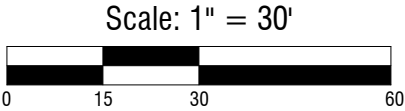
Streetscape Tree



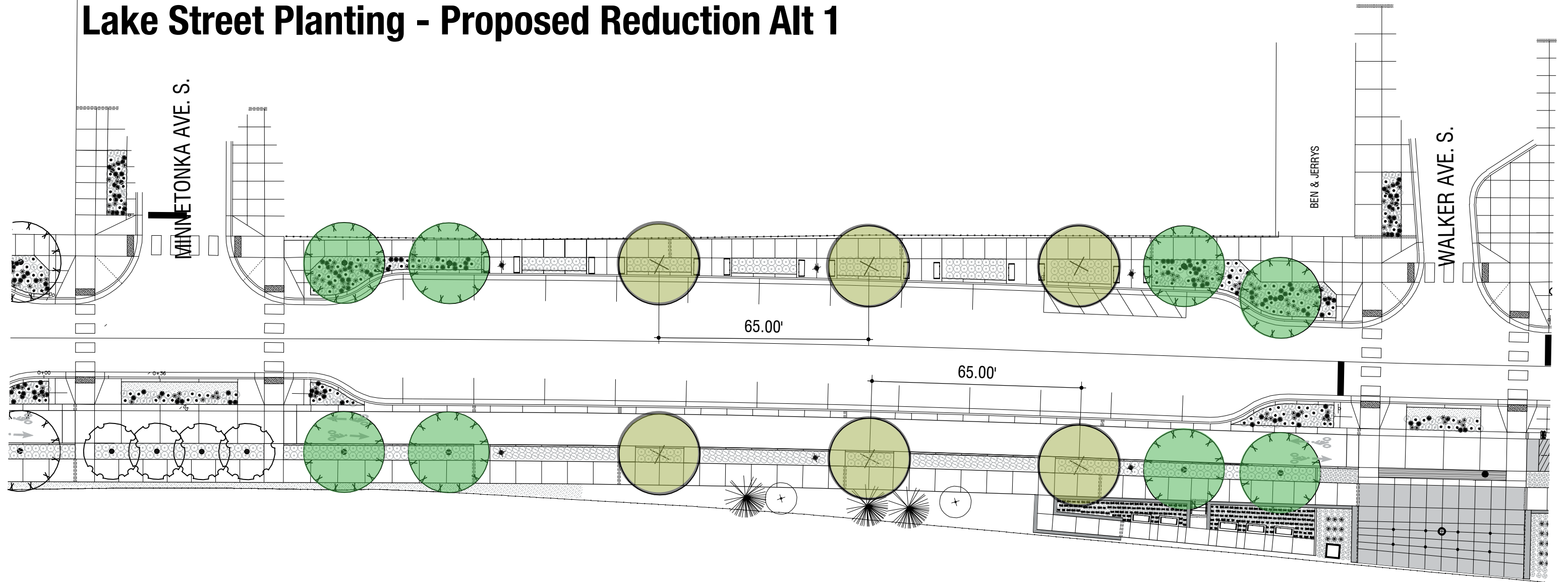
Freeman Maple
Acer x Freemani
 Ht - 40'-50' typical
 Spread - 35'
 - Green leaves turning scarlet-red in fall.
 - Upright, fast growing



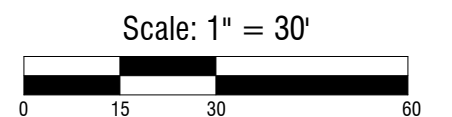
Chinese Elm
Ulmus parvifolia
 Ht - 40'-50' typical
 Spread - 35'
 Fine texture that would provide dappled shade



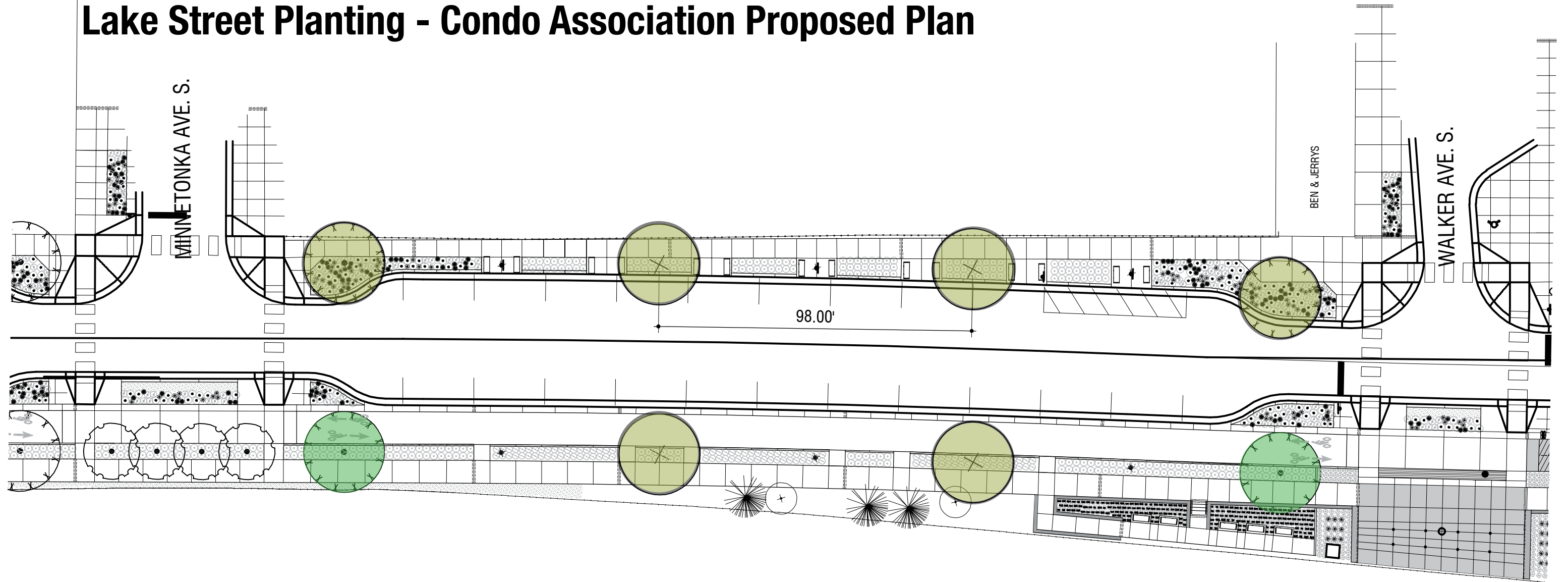
Lake Street Planting - Proposed Reduction Alt 1



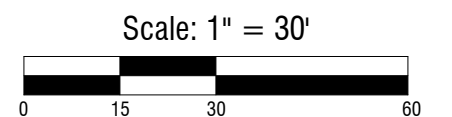
1. Eliminates every other tree in the center of the block to match the southside of Lake Street (reduction of 3 trees)
2. Results in a tree spacing increasing from 32'-6" to 65'-0" on center.
3. Maintains aesthetic of different tree species at the intersections to create a sense of entry and increases species diversity.



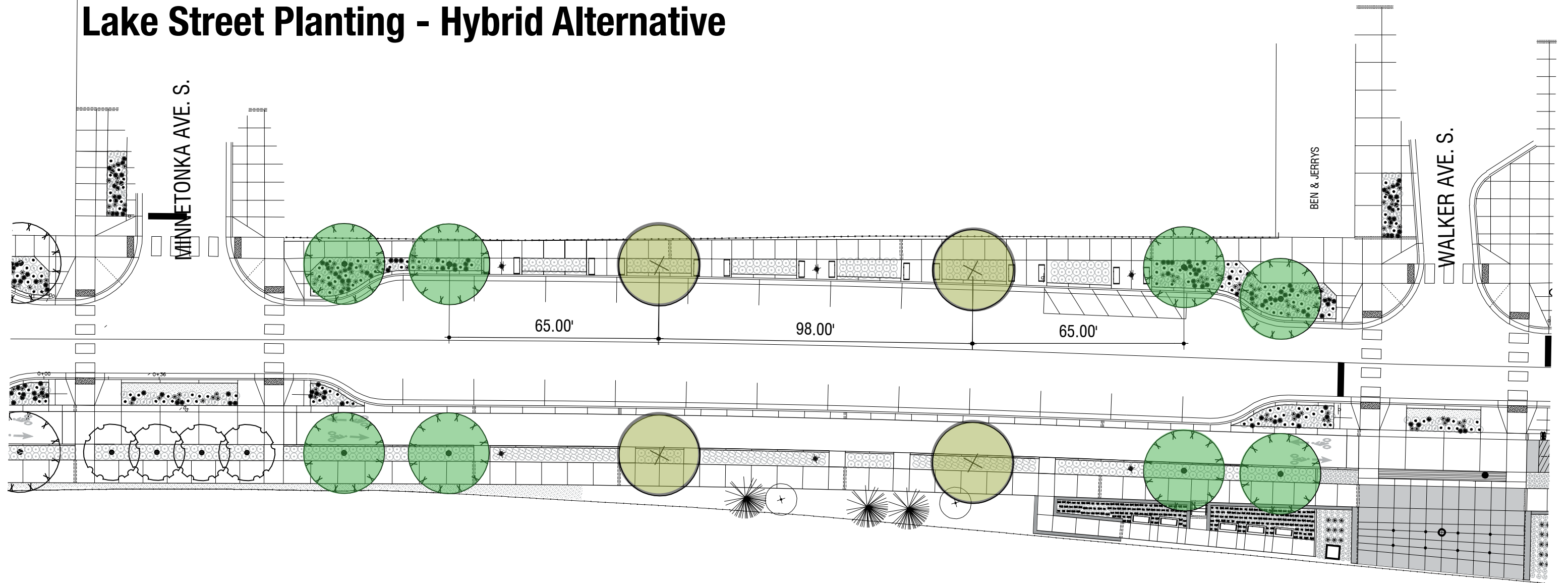
Lake Street Planting - Condo Association Proposed Plan



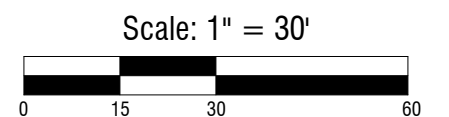
1. Eliminates two trees between each tree for the entire block (reduction of 6 trees)
2. Results in a tree spacing increasing from 32'-6" to 96'-0" on center.
3. Tree pattern would require adjustments to tree pattern and paving on the southside of Lake Street
4. Tree spacing would result in reduced shade for pedestrians.
5. HOA prefers a smaller tree species, that tends toward an ornamental variety.



Lake Street Planting - Hybrid Alternative



1. Variable spacing of 32'-6", 65'-0", and 96'-0" favoring views in the center of the block. (Reduction of 4 trees)
2. Eliminates one tree and shifts the location of another on the southside of Lake Street, to create a consistent pattern north to south.
3. Recommend a smaller tree species that is well suited to a streetscape condition.
4. Provides a wider viewshed in the middle of the block that matches the 600 Block.
5. Requires some minor paving changes to the pass-through on the southside of the Lake Street.



Lake Street Planting - Tree Species

Intersection Tree



Freeman Maple
Acer x Freemanii

Ht - 40'-50' typical

Spread - 35'

- Green leaves turning scarlet-red in fall.
- Upright, fast growing

Streetscape Tree



Chinese Elm
Ulmus parvifolia

Ht - 40'-50' typical

Spread - 35'

- Fine texture that would provide dappled shade.
- Limited availability (recommend a substitution)

Recommended Alt.



Imperial Honeylocust
Glenditsia triacanthos
'Imperial'

Ht - 35'

Spread - 35'

- Most compact honeylocust
- Fine texture that would provide dappled shade.

More Compact Alt A



Spring Snow Crab
Malzas x 'Spring Snow'

Ht - 25'-30'

Spread - 15' - 20'

- Typically fruitless, with a dense, oval crown.
- Bright white flowers in spring, with green leaves the rest of the season
- Requires pruning to eliminate lower branches to protect pedestrians.

More Compact Alt B



Amur Chokecherry
Prunus maackii

Ht - 30'

Spread - 25' - 30'

- White flower in spring with a small black fruit
- Golden brown trunk color with yellow fall leaves
- Requires pruning to eliminate lower branches to protect pedestrians.

Jeffrey Dahl

From: Dennis Marhula <dfmarhula44@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Ken Willcox; Alex Plechash; Dan Koch; Jeffrey Buchanan; Johanna McCarthy
Cc: Jeffrey Dahl; Emily Goellner; Mike Kelly; Andrew Mullin; Tim Geoffrion Geoffrion; Dan Goldman; Sherry Lund; Jean Krogness; Meredith Howell; Steve Hornig
Subject: Wayzata Place. 1/4

Mayor Willcox and Council Members:

I'm writing this letter to follow up on the meeting a few other residents and I had with Mayor Wilcox and Jeff Dahl on Monday, 11 May, outside of the Wayzata Place Condominium to express our concerns about the number and species of trees proposed, which would significantly obstruct our water views. As official representative of the Wayzata Place Board, I am recapping our serious concerns, which we have previously expressed to City officials, and offering some new information with supporting materials.

The Wayzata Place community continues to research the impact of the Lake Street/Panoway project on the wonderful views of Lake Minnetonka, which we have enjoyed for years. We previously submitted copies of sight line studies from the various levels of our buildings along with a photo study, both of which expose the impacts of the current Lake Street planting plan on our lake views. These studies were based on the assumption that the proposed tree, Thornless Honeylocust, would grow to a mature height of 30 ft. and have a crown of 30 ft. in this street environment. Although according to research, they may actually grow much larger.

These studies show that, after the trees mature, level one patios would have a very limited close view of the water under the canopy. The top level balconies would have a small distant view over the top of the canopy. The water views from levels two and three would be TOTALY OBSTRUCTED. Furthermore, a taller or shorter tree would also negatively impact views, depending on which level one lived on. For example even a 15 ft. tall tree planted in close spacing, would completely obstruct views from the lower levels, and likewise a taller tree would further negatively impact the distant views for the upper floors.

We proposed that the City significantly reduce the number of trees along the block from Walker to Minnetonka, the total frontage of Wayzata Place. Our proposal, shared with Mayor Willcox and Jeff Dahl, was to replace the proposed 10 trees with 4 equally spaced trees. Now that we have looked further into the sight lines of our 4 tree plan, we realize that any tree will obstruct views for most of the residents. The width of the crown, spacing, and height all contribute to the issue.

The new sight line study attached analyzes the effect of tree spacing by looking between the trees, knowing we cannot see over or under them assuming a 30' tall tree with a 30' crown at maturity. In the new study we assumed a 30' tall tree and 30' crown, the same as all previous studies. The red in the sketches represents the view obstructed by trees, and the blue represents areas which have a lake view. As you can see, there is considerably more red than blue in most cases. Also, the existing trees currently left in place, will further obstruct the views beyond what we show if these trees are left in place.

Our proposed four tree plan is a compromise between those among us who would prefer no trees at all and the City's current ten tree plan. In addition we propose that the City select a smaller understory tree (15-20 ft max height) with a smaller/narrower crown than the current Thornless Honeylocust. We have been in contact with the City of Excelsior who has many years of (dissatisfied) experience with Thornless Honeylocust in the downtown area on Water Street. We urge you to contact Excelsior City Manager, Kristy Luger (952-653-3672. kluger@excelsior.org), to discuss their experience. Selecting a different species of tree may help to not repeat Excelsior's mistakes in Wayzata.

To summarize, based on our research and information submitted, we appeal to the City Council to reconsider both the number of trees to be planted along the Wayzata Place frontage and the species of tree selected. Also, as a compromise, we can appreciate the City wishing to keep some of the Autumn Blaze Maple to anchor the corners, and we have indicated this on our proposed plan.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Wayzata Place resident Tim Geoffrion (tim.geoffrion@gmail.com. 952-334-3340), who is working closely with me on our committee.

This is the beginning of a new era for Wayzata, don't make it the end of an era for Wayzata Place.

Thank you,

Dennis Marhula
612-518-0700

Attached : Sight line sketches (separate emails)

Previously Submitted :

- 1) elevation sight lines
- 2) photo study
- 3) photo examples of round and upright canopies
- 4) Four tree Alternative to CIVITAS Plan

Submitted from Wayzata Place---Existing views from buildings versus originally approved landscaping plans.

