

GAIL LAROSE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Norman Abbott (ARC Chair)
Barbara Morsch (ARC Member)
cc Iris Zieler (Manager, Argus Management)
Clay McMillan (TruScapes)
Bob Harcourt (WPHOA Treasurer)

FROM: Gail Larose (ARC Secretary)

DATE: January 6, 2016

RE: Inspection of Queen palm trees in common areas of Wisteria Park

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On January 2, 2016 Bob Harcourt and I inspected the Queen palm trees remaining at the Wisteria Park pool area, along the west side of 87th Street NW and along the perimeter of 21st Avenue NW, tagging those that, in our eyes, seemed to be affected by wilt. On January 6, 2016, we were joined by Clay McMillan of TruScapes to inspect the tagged Queen palm trees, to assess the situation and make suggestions for the consideration of the Board.

Findings:

A number of palms are showing signs of fusarium wilt and should be removed. These have been tagged. Others seem healthy but need to be pruned and kept under observation for signs of deterioration. Specifically,

- One palm tree at the pool area needs its lower fronds and seed pods to be pruned and should be observed for further signs of wilt;
- A number of palms along the west side of 87th Street NW should likewise be pruned and kept under observation for the next month or two;
- Two Washingtonian palms on the west side of 87th Street NW need to be removed but the others to the east side of the street should be kept under observation;
- At least seven palms along 21st Avenue NW are showing signs of wilt and should be removed.

Furthermore:

Clay McMillan agreed to check the Wisteria Park pruning schedule for both palms (to remove senescent fronds and flower and seed pods) and ficus hedges (to a height of eight feet) and inform Iris Zieler. He also agreed to send a proposal for the removal of the palm trees identified above (a total of nine).

Lastly:

It was agreed that since the grinding of stumps might release fungus spores into the air and since most palm stumps are hidden in thick philodendron planting, the proposals would not include stump grinding.