



## CITY OF BEXLEY TREE & PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION APPLICATION STAFF REVIEW

Project Name: TPGC-23-3 New Build  
 Project Address: 2425 Sherwood Rd  
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	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Incomplete</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>1a</b>	Application	X			
<b>1b</b>	Project Description	X			
	<b>Research</b>				
<b>2a</b>	Significant examples				X
	<b>Design Documentation Drawings</b>				
<b>3a</b>	Existing conditions photographs	X			
<b>3b</b>	Site plan or location plan		X		
<b>3c</b>	Schematic plan with north arrow and bar scale	X			
<b>3d</b>	Elevations, perspectives, isometrics, axonometrics or detailed model	X			
<b>3e</b>	Existing City trees indicated on plan	X			
<b>3f</b>	Proposed vegetation		X		
	<b>Recommended information</b>				
<b>4a</b>	Irrigation and maintenance plans	X			
<b>4b</b>	Hardscape layout and materials	X			
<b>4c</b>	Lighting locations and specifications				X
<b>4d</b>	Fixtures, furniture and equipment				X
<b>4e</b>	Accessories				X
<b>4f</b>	Buildings				X
<b>4g</b>	Other				X

<b>Comments</b> <i>(Italicized comments are from previous review)</i>	
<b>3b</b>	Please indicate the Right-of-Way lines for Sherwood Rd and Cassady Ave on the landscape plan
<b>3f</b>	On the plant list, please add the common names and installation sizes for the proposed material.
<b>4g</b>	<p><i>The footprint of the new house has graciously taken into account the mature trees on site and the design has made an effort to protect as many of them as possible. Tree protection of City and private trees will be provided.</i></p> <p><i>The design intent of the plant material is to create an organic and unbalanced forms that support the strong architectural elements of the stone pier and wood columns which are the 'built' version of nature. The plant material is appropriate to the site conditions.</i></p> <p><i>The beds will be irrigated.</i></p>
<b>4g</b>	<p>TPGC-23-3 was previously approved on 3-15-23 with the following condition: "The approval is subject to staff review for any changes with plant species and the arborvitae on the south side of the driveway must be replaced if damaged during construction."</p> <p>Since its approval, the landscape plan has been revised by David Voyles and Andy Miller. The new landscape plan has more generous plant beds surrounding the craftsman style home with a more robust plant palette. Overall, the plantings are appropriate to the site conditions and are approved by the Staff Consultant.</p> <p>However, there are three items that need to be reviewed by the Tree Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>1. The bed at the corner of Sherwood Rd and Cassady Ave.</b></p> <p>This bed occurs within the Right-of-Way along Sherwood Rd and Cassady Ave as well as partially in the Site Triangle that dictates plant material shall not exceed 32 inches in height. The proposed plant material is all less than 32 inches. However, it is recommended that the beds be pulled 12-24 inches away from the edge of the sidewalk to allow for a lawn buffer.</p> <p><b>1230.76 SIGHT TRIANGLE, INTERSECTION.</b></p> <p>"Sight Triangle, Intersection" means on a corner lot, an area between the curb line or edge of pavement of the two (2) intersecting streets and a diagonal line connecting the curb or edge of pavement of intersecting streets at a point thirty (30) feet from their point of intersection. In an intersection clearance zone, no fence, snow fence, wall, ornamental landscaping or feature, mound, or hedge shall exceed thirty-two (32) inches in height above the grade of the pavement of street gutter. (Ord. 29-16. Passed 11-15-16.)</p> </li> <li> <p><b>2. The bed at the southeast corner of the property by the driveway.</b></p> <p>In this revised plan, the width of the driveway has been reduced allowing for a more generous bed between the driveway and alley. Along the southern property line, (11) additional Thuja occidentalis 'Nigra'/Arborvitae have been added to extend and fill in the existing evergreen screening. In the zone closest to the sidewalk, the bed has been amended from having a simple row of Arborvitae to an expanded bed of Imperata cylindrica 'Red Baron'/Blood grass with (2) new Betula papyrifera 'Select'/Birch and (3) Thuja occidentalis 'Woodwardii'/Woodward Arborvitae – a more globose form of the shrub. This revision will still provide screening but allow a better visual line of site to see approaching pedestrians and cars from the alley and is appropriate to the overall design.</p> </li> </ol>

**3. The removal of the Boxelder tree at the southwest corner of the property.**

The Acer negundo/Boxelder tree's condition was listed as 'Poor' in the Existing Tree Inventory that was submitted as part of the original application. As the year has progressed, the health of the tree has not improved, and the Owners would like to remove it prior to installing the new plant material around it. The originally approved plan only had (2) Dogwoods proposed. This revised landscape plan has (9) new trees proposed – (2) Cornus florida/Dogwood; (6) Betula papyrifera 'Select'/Paper Birch; (1) Acer palmatum 'Bloodgood'/Japanese Maple. The addition of the (7) new trees offset the removal of the Boxelder.

It is the Staff Consultant's recommendation to approved the plan as presented with the condition of providing a 12-24 inch lawn buffer between the sidewalk and bed at the northeast corner.