



CITY OF BEXLEY TREE & PUBLIC GARDENS COMMISSION APPLICATION STAFF REVIEW

Project Name: TPGR-24-4 ROW Plantings
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	Project Description	Completed	Incomplete	Missing	N/A
1a	Application	X			
1b	Project Description	X			
	Research				
2a	Significant examples				X
	Design Documentation Drawings				
3a	Existing conditions photographs	X			
3b	Site plan or location plan	X			
3c	Schematic plan with north arrow and bar scale	X			
3d	Elevations, perspectives, isometrics, axonometrics or detailed model				X
3e	Existing City trees indicated on plan				X
3f	Proposed vegetation	X			
	Recommended information				
4a	Irrigation and maintenance plans				X
4b	Hardscape layout and materials				X
4c	Lighting locations and specifications				X
4d	Fixtures, furniture and equipment				X
4e	Accessories				X
4f	Buildings				X
4g	Other				X

Comments

4g As part of the Record of Action for BZAP-23-25, the overall landscape plan is to be reviewed by the Landscape Consultant for approval. The landscape plan for the private property has been reviewed and approved by the Landscape Consultant. However, there are (8) trees planted in the Right of Way (ROW) along Boston Avenue that are under the jurisdiction of the Tree and Public Gardens Commission.

The proposed and planted tree in the ROW is a Green Vase Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata* 'Green Vase') which will grow to 60-80' tall by 40-50' wide. The street tree for Boston Ave is a Shingle Oak (*Quercus imbricaria*) which will grow to 40-60' tall by 40-60' wide. While staff can approve the landscape on private property, material planted in the ROW needs to be reviewed and approved by the Tree Commission.

Three options were presented to the applicant for consideration:

1. Replace all the Green Vase Zelkovas with the Shingle Oak and we recommend spacing them 40-50' on center, instead of the 27' feet on center that the Green Vase Zelkovas are planted. This would not require the owner and the plan to come before the Tree Commission for review and can be approved by the Staff Consultant and Urban Forester, Grant Archer.
2. Replace every other Green Vase Zelkova with a Shingle Oak. In talking to Grant, the Green Vase would not get as large as the Shingle Oak. You could replace (3) of the Green Vase Zelkova with the Shingle Oak or (5) depending on the landscape designer's vision. This would need to come to the Tree Commission for review since the Green Vase Zelkovas are not the approved street tree for Boston. Note that this option increases tree species diversity as well as include the approved street tree.
3. Keep the (8) Green Vase Zelkovas and come to the Tree Commission for review and request that the Green Vase Zelkovas be allowed to be planted in lieu of the approved street tree.

Since there is limited open space for the City to plant large scale trees in the ROW, it is the staff recommendation for the owner to remove the (8) Green Vase Zelkovas and request that the City to plant an appropriate number of Shingle Oak trees. Note that while the City will be responsible for the health and maintenance of the trees, it is still the owner's responsibility to maintain the lawn within the ROW.