



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

Project Name: TPGR-21-6 Wood Fence  
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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

**Comments** (*Italicized comments are from previous review*)

**4g** This landscape installation to screen a wood fence was originally reviewed at the 11-16-22 TPGR Meeting. It was approved with the following conditions:

*Project is approved with the following conditions:*

- 1. Homeowner to add evergreens at the east end of the fence in front of the climbing hydrangeas. Design to be approved by staff.*
- 2. Homeowner understands that if the Magnolias fail, they will either need to be replaced or return to the Tree and Public Gardens Commission with a revised plan for the area where the Magnolias are located.*

The landscape was installed but not per the approved plan and conditions. David Hrdlicka, Code Enforcement Officer, sent Angela Niermeyer a letter stating two options for compliance.

*The options for compliance are as follows:*

- 1. Install the missing landscape plants from the approved plan reviewed on 11/16/22 by the Tree and Public Gardens Commission. The missing plants include (3) *Hydrangea petiolaris* (Climbing Hydrangea) on the east and west ends of the fence and evergreen shrubs in front of the (2) Climbing Hydrangea on the east end. The landscape staff recommendation is to add a minimum of (5) Boxwood (#3 installation size) to match the nearby existing Boxwood.*

*There is not a need to remove the additional (3) *Magnolia grandiflora* 'Bracken's Brown Beauty'. Only (5) were proposed in the original approved plan. It is acceptable to have the (8) trees in that area.*

- 2. Revise the plan to match what has been installed and return to the Tree Commission to explain the changes and seek approval for the revisions.*

The homeowner chose to return to the Tree Commission with a revised plan that has (8) Brackens Brown Magnolia trees evenly spaced in front of the fence. The reasons stated for the change are that the 'purchased evergreen bushes did not look aesthetically pleasing' and that '(3) additional, larger (8 ft) than proposed (5-6 ft) trees were available.

The Bracken's Brown Beauty Southern Magnolia will grow to be 20-30' tall by 15-25' wide. It has large white blooms in May/June and can live in full sun to part shade. The tree placement is appropriate for the light conditions as well as placed far enough away from the fence to allow growth into the full mature size. It is an evergreen tree so will provide year-round interest and eventually screen the majority of the fence. The repetition of the same tree is an aesthetic choice that fits with the overall design of the home and homeowner's desire for a more modern appearance in the side yard associated with the pool. With the City's goal to increase the overall tree canopy coverage, having (8) trees instead of (5) is a benefit to the community. The staff recommendation is to approve the revised plan as presented.