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**Subject:** Questions: 529 Sixth Street/Landmark tree removal request  
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Hi Jill and Kerry,

In the past few days I learned of the 529 Sixth St. homeowner's application (#HDC 16-011) to have a Landmark walnut tree removed from her backyard. Though this was only communicated publicly via the A2 gov update service on Feb. 2, 2016, I learned tonight that this request appears to be on the road to approval perhaps as soon as this Thurs. 2/11/16.

This very short time-line for an important decision that has very long-term consequences is concerning to me (and perhaps to others)!

Though I've read some of the documents, I admit I do not fully understand the City process here. I hope you can enlighten me and answer some questions.

Have neighbors around 529 Sixth St. been notified of this application? Been offered an opportunity to raise questions or concerns (or support)?

To whom, or to what group, would one write / communicate to express one's opinion? What is the timeline or deadline for doing so?

What city ordinances / regulations, and other evidence, are brought to bear in making a judgment whether to approve removal of this Landmark tree, or not? And who / what group has authority?

I have read the Staff Report and the applicant's letter. I fully understand a parent's desire to protect a child from any sort of harm! Yet I wonder if removal of this landmark tree will fully resolve the concerns raised by the parent / homeowner?

Is there any documentation from a medical professional that supports the claim that fruit dropped from \*this\* tree poses a "life-threatening" danger to this child? What about other black walnut trees in the vicinity, given that squirrels carry the nuts everywhere? Does the 'epi-pen' mentioned in the application Not provide adequate protection to the child?

For mitigation the applicant proposes to plant a new tree and install a rain garden on her property, and donate to rotary. IF removal of this tree is approved, will the applicant be held to the City ordinance of replacing 50% of the DBH of this Landmark tree with 1 inch caliper trees? How will the City follow-up to insure this is done?

Since "fruiting season" for walnut trees is many months away, I hope that some time can be given to answering questions before a decision is made on removing this Landmark walnut tree!

I will appreciate a reply. Please let me know if this message will be put in the official record, or if I also need to express my concerns / questions elsewhere, and if so, to whom?

Thank you, and I hope you are both doing very well!

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