

## Landmark Tree Committee Meeting

June 10, 2008

### Visible Identification of Landmark Trees after Designation

- I. Response from Council members on topic of information to include on markers
- II. Proposal for Visible Identification (four components)
  - 1) A basic permanent Marker indicating Landmark Tree status, and a number for further identification/information, provided by the City/Council.
  - 2) An optional Interpretive Sign giving basic information about the tree. Information would include the common and botanical names of the tree, its origin in that location, its significance as a landmark, and a link for further information. Provided by owners, community groups, individuals, professional organizations etc.
  - 3) An online register of Current Landmark Trees, with the following information: date of landmarking; landmark tree number; common name(s); botanical name; plant family name; location of the tree (address or position relative to intersection/landmark); a narrative documenting the origins of the tree, its history in that location, and its significance as a landmark; links to documentation. Established and maintained by?????
  - 4) An online register of Historic Landmark Trees, with the above information; date of "de-commissioning" and reason for death/decline/removal. (Provision could be made for removal and recycling of markers when the tree is removed. Former locations of truly historic trees should be informed by an interpretive sign or plaque.)

### III. Recommendation on Permanent Markers

- 1) Off the tree—by statute
- 2) Placed within dripline, ideally . . . thoughts on back yards, median strips?
- 3) Cast bronze, set in concrete.
- 4) Round shape
- 5) 5" minimum, 9" maximum diameter
- 6) Simple, recognizable logo
- 7) Engraved identifying information

### IV. Costs/Sources

- 1) Cost of bronze plates f( size, number ordered); 4-5" under \$50; 8-9" under \$100; initial design and set-up under \$1,000—California Casting, East Bay Brass
- 2) Cost of core drilling f(locations, efficiency in grouping); \$170 per core max.—Penhall
- 3) Cost of setting marker--????? Concrete, epoxy, installer??—DPW?
- 4) Cost of Interpretive Sign f (design, provider) —Matthews Bronze?
- 5) Sources of funding??