

**CITY OF GLENDALE  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** July 5, 2007

**TO:** Stephen M. Zurn, Director  
Albert Lee, Maintenance Services Administrator

**FROM:** Teresa Prosewicz, Urban Forester

**SUBJECT: Grandview Trees Report**

Inspection of the Grandview Cemetery trees was completed and the May 2007 "Tree Evaluation" file submitted by Tony Uno, Consulting Arborist of West Coast Arborists was reviewed.

The purpose of the subsequent assessment was to provide a secondary opinion regarding the urgency of specific tree services, as well as explore other possibilities to improve maintenance of the existing trees.

My findings concur with the general recommendation of the report, which addressed the need for periodical but consistent maintenance of the cemetery trees that include watering as well as pruning. I also concluded there are some individual trees that may not need to be immediately removed, though they are in advance declination, selective pruning would suffice in reducing any existing hazards. However, all trees are in need and must receive irrigation and be placed on a monitoring schedule. Any removals should be at the discretion /determination of an arborist.

I am also recommending that all pruning specified in West Coast Arborist's recommendations be "Crown Restoration" and not "Full Pruning" due to the fact that all trees under stress will react to any pruning as additional wounding, and numerous full pruning cuts may put further stress on these trees and advance their declination much more rapid than would their normal course. It is important to note that this pruning method will require a commitment to restorative pruning on an annual basis for at least the next three years. Supplemental watering should commence as soon as possible, especially since this past year brought very little rain and the cemetery's irrigation lines have been turned off for many months.

The 355 tree spreadsheet provided by West Coast Arborists was used for my reflected adjustments below:

Crown Restoration pruning – 190 trees  
Removal – 36 trees

Although this additional tree evaluation is in attempt to identify and mitigate any Grandview Cemetery tree hazards, the recommendations do not guarantee that treatments will make any trees healthy or safe under all circumstances. As the subject trees are becoming a concern, this evaluation is a second opinion based on a limited knowledge of tree history, unknown subsurface condition and no aerial investigation.

cc.: Daniel Hardgrove, Assistant Maintenance Services Administrator