

# CITY OF COOS BAY TREE BOARD

## Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
June 28, 2023	4.3

TO: Tree Board

FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator

THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, City Engineer/Deputy Director

ISSUE: Tree Removal Request - Hall Ave.

### **SUMMARY:**

Residents of 560 and 574 Hall Ave. are requesting to remove the trees between the curb and sidewalk located within the R/W adjacent to their homes.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

To be discussed at the Tree Board Meeting.

### **BACKGROUND:**

City staff received two tree removal applications from the property owners of 560 and 574 Hall Ave. This request has come before the Board in the past with the Board recommending denial to remove the healthy trees from the R/W and the Public Works and Community Development Director agreed with the Board's recommendation. In a letter to the applicants dated June 3, 2021, the Director stated the following, "Based on a recent evaluation by a certified arborist, the city has decided the trees will not be removed at this time. Per the arborist's evaluation, the existing trees are not dangerous, and they appear healthy and growing." On October 1, 2021, staff sent another letter to the property owners, adjacent to the trees in question, confirming the Director's decision.

Recently staff received another request from the property owners at 560 and 574 Hall Avenue to remove the trees. The applicants have provided a letter of recommendation from 3H Tree Service to remove the trees adjacent to the two properties. The recommendation states: "The trunks of these trees have cavities full of decay in them as well, making them weak." It also states: "It is my opinion that due to the poor location and defects in these trees, that they should be considered for removal and more appropriate type of tree be planted in their place."

Staff is investigating the concerns brought up in the recent tree removal application and will present their findings and recommendation at the Tree Board Meeting.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

This will be discussed in more detail at the Tree Board Meeting.

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Janet Price Documents.pdf