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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Susan Green, Planner  
**From:** Stacey Ray, Urban Forester  
**Date:** October 29, 2007  
**Subject:** Cedar Park , PSB07-00001

The trees on this property can be considered in three main groupings on the property: those along the East property line, those along the West property line, and those in proposed lots 10, 11, and 12.

While at first glance, this property appears to have a number of mature, healthy trees, unfortunately, that's not the case. Many of the trees on this property have been maintained under the old belief that tall trees should be topped, and almost all of them were at some point. The exceptions are the Type 1 trees listed below.

Trees #562-572 are the most prominent Douglas-firs on the property. They were planted and have since grown in a straight line, running west to east across lot 10, the access easement to lot 11, and lot 12. These trees are in fair condition, and because of having been topped previously, and their potential location within the new development, would need their condition to be evaluated periodically for as long as they are retained. Additionally, to safely retain these trees, due to their size and location, protective fencing would need to be erected at 20' from the base of each trunk.

In my opinion, trees appropriate for retention on this site include #583-586 in the SW corner of lot 11, #591-600, 621-622, and 631-636 along the west property line (not in order on the site plan). #583-586, while in fair condition, have matured as a grove and are located in a corner, where they are less likely to be impacted by construction. #591-600, 621-622, and 631-636 along the west property line are in fair to good condition, form a natural buffer, and many of these younger trees have not been topped, retaining their natural form.

Trees #606-620, 623, and 624-630 while not significant as defined by KZC Chapter 95, are in excellent condition, appropriately located along the west property line, and I highly recommend their retention.

Unfortunately, everything along the east property line has been aggressively topped for clearance of a utility line. This has left them with poor structure, but all can still be retained as a buffer for neighboring properties.

The trees on site are typed as the following:

Type 1: 583-586 (grove), 591-600 (grove), 621-622, 631-636,

Type 2: 501-506, 510-512, 519, 521-522, 526, 528, 545-546, 549-551, 554, 560-570, 573, 577, 642-644

Type 3: 507, 515, 517, 524, 529-542, 547, 552-553, 555-559, 571, 574-576, 578-582, 589, 601-605,

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