

Report from Tree committee
March 3, 2020

Mistaken tree removal.

On February 20, 2020 Logan Norris mistakenly directed the arborist to remove two trees on the walking path between Birdsong and Hollyhock. The mistake was that ARC approval was not obtained. The responsibility for the mistake is only on Logan Norris.

The reason it happened is that for some time the Tree Committee has been attempting to deal with the acorns being dropped on sidewalks, posing a hazard to those walking there. The Tree Committee identified 19 trees that in our opinion should be removed. 17 of these trees are in park strips. The City informed us that they would not agree to removal because the trees in the park strips do not meet the city's definition of a hazard tree. Two trees along the walking path between Birdsong and Hollyhock are not park strip trees and Logan Norris decided unilaterally to have them removed; but he neglected to get prior ARC approval. David Stewart was notified of the first tree removal in progress and he instructed the arborist to cease operations, which he did.

Logan Norris acknowledges he is solely responsible and notified Diane Marthaler of the incident. He has apologized for his error.

I believe the Board is deciding what specific action should be taken now.

Logan Norris, Bob Laport, Bill Dannenbring