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July 25, 2011

Dear Resident:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the City of Naples' Tree Planting Program in your neighborhood.

The Park Shore Association requested that the City of Naples plant trees along Crayton Road from Seagate Drive to Anchor Rode Drive. The request was taken to City Council on June 15<sup>th</sup> where it received unanimous approval for planting this summer. The trees will be planted within the public right-of-way in front of your property. The tree species designated for your street is Mahogany. The trees will be planted by a landscape contractor selected by the City beginning in late August or September.

Typically, the City's street trees are planted in front of each side-yard property lines (between each property and within the right-of-way). However, many properties currently have a Coconut Palm in the right-of-way at the side-yard property line. The Park Shore Association has asked the City to preserve the Coconut Palms rather than remove them in order to enhance the aesthetics of Crayton Road. The Association provides other reasons, including:

- Restore the lost scale of this section of Crayton Road with canopy trees.
- Create a composition with canopy trees and palms.
- Bring the surrounding residences into scale with the street environment.
- Use unified elements that identify a sense of place.
- A cooler environment through reduced heat and reflection from the asphalt.
- Traffic calming with canopy trees.

A Landscape Architect, who has volunteered her services to the Park Shore Association, will assist the City by suggesting the preferred location of a Mahogany near each Coconut Palm. Where there are Coconut Palms, a Mahogany will be planted between five and ten feet away from the Coconut Palm. A Mahogany tree on one side of a property, therefore, will be five to ten feet toward the center of a yard and in the right-of-way.

For those properties without a Coconut Palm(s), the Mahogany will be be planted on the right-of-way approximately between each property.

If you have a Coconut Palm in the right-of-way at your side property line and object to the the planting of a Mahogany five to ten feet away, we would appreciate your expression of concern by email (<a href="mailto:iboscaglia@naplesgov.com">iboscaglia@naplesgov.com</a>) or through a telephone call at 239-213-7134, by no later than August 8<sup>th</sup>. Either a representative of the Park Shore Association or the City will contact you to discuss your concerns. We cannot promise that a new tree will not be planted, but we are please to discuss options.

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Crayton Road - Mahogany Tree



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The planting process will include locating underground utilities in or near the planting site and selection of a specific planting location along the right-of-way that is not in conflict with underground utilities and landscaping within the right-of-way. The planting effort should result in minimal disruption or impact to the neighborhood or individual residences.

While the trees will be irrigated periodically, you may wish to volunteer your time and water supply to aid in the irrigation of the newly planted trees. The City encourages the installation of a bubbler from your private irrigation system.

The Urban Forest Tree Plan is widely supported by City residents and is an element of the City's 10-Year Vision Plan. A major goal of the Vision Plan is to preserve the City's distinctive character and culture and make Naples the green jewel of southwest Florida. During the past 14 years, the City has been annually recognized as a Tree City USA recipient and in 2004 was designated as the Florida Tree City of the Year.

If you should have questions or concerns, please contact my office at (239) 213-7134.

Sincerely.

Joseph Boscaglia

Parks & Parkways/Facilities Maintenance Superintendent

Community Services Department