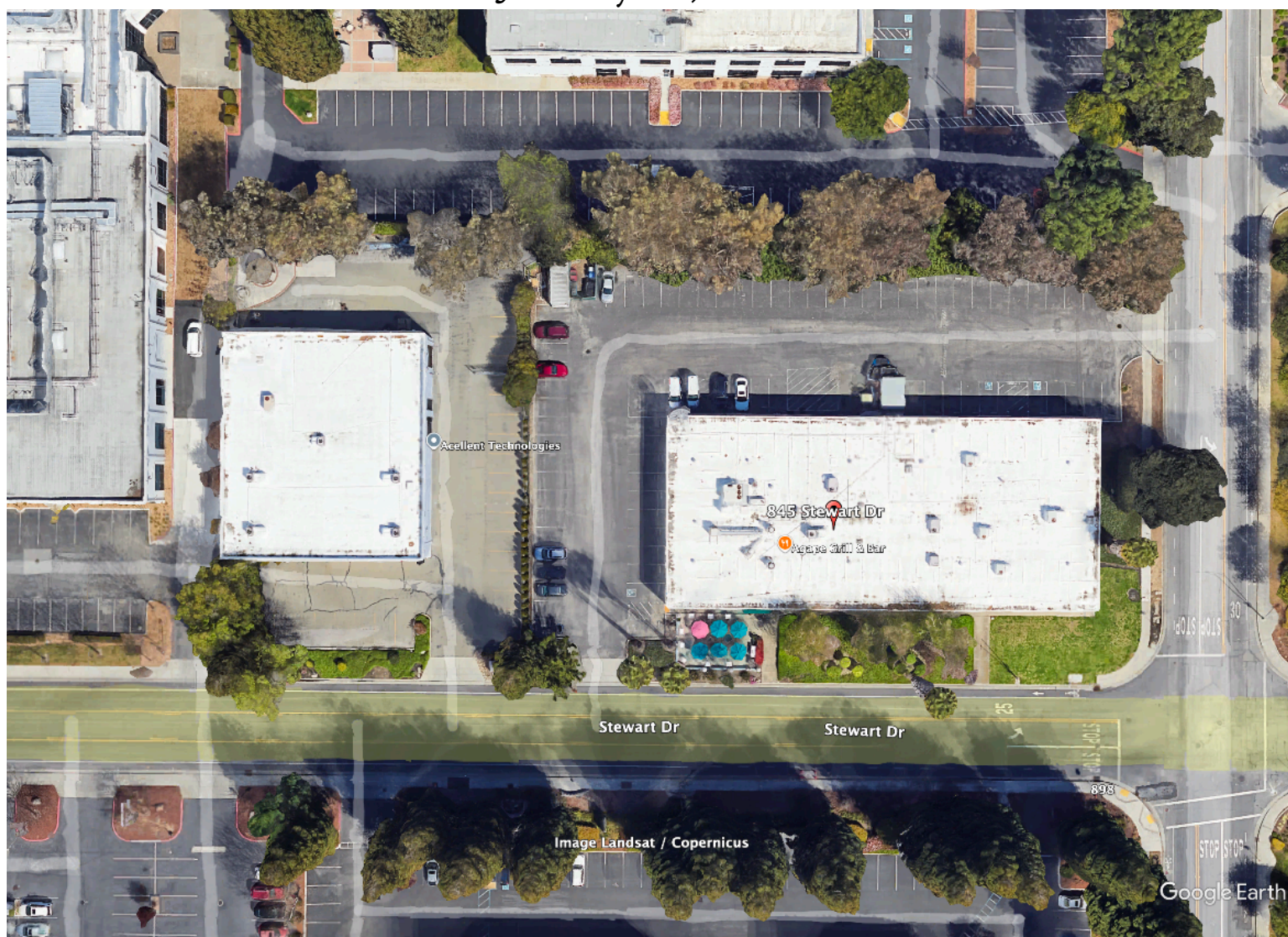

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PRELIMINARY ARBORIST REPORT

845 Stewart Dr., Sunnyvale CA

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SUMMARY

I located twenty one trees on site within the proposed construction area. Sixteen of the trees are protected in Sunnyvale due to their sizes, four are protected street trees.. Eight tree species were identified. Tree trunk diameters range from 3.5 to 43.0 inches, averaging 16.4 inches. Tree health ranges from poor to good, averaging fair-good, structure & form ranges from very poor to good averaging fair. I found fifteen trees suitable for preservation based on health, structure, form, and species tolerances. Seventeen trees are proposed for removal by my Client due to their condition, locations relative to proposed grading, species being non-native, specimen not integrating well with proposed new landscaping. For those trees that are preserved I recommend tree protection fencing, establishment of tree protection zones, and evaluation for clearance pruning & root pruning.

INTRODUCTION

ASSIGNMENT

I was hired by City Ventures (Client), to measure, map, tag, digitally image, inventory & evaluate trees at 845 Stewart Drive in Sunnyvale, CA, and to provide an Arborist Report that includes a summary of my observations, a tree location map, and other relevant information.

LIMITS OF ASSIGNMENT

- Trees were not evaluated below ground or aerially, nor were invasive or destructive methods used to assess tree health.
- Tree risk assessments were not conducted
- An evaluation of likely construction impacts was not carried out
- Recommendations for preservation are not provided beyond reporting the trees that Client wants to preserve
- A value appraisal is not provided
- A tree preservation plan is not provided

PURPOSE AND USE

This report is intended to provide information for the Client, and the City of Sunnyvale as part of a development and tree removal permit process.

BACKGROUND

The City of Sunnyvale Chapter 19.94. Tree Preservation Ordinance protects single trunk trees that are 12.1 inches in diameter and greater, and requires permitting for their removal. Multiple trunk trees with at least one trunk equal to 12.7 inches or multiple trunks equal to or exceeding 36 inches (cumulatively) in diameter are also protected. Street trees are also protected.

OBSERVATIONS

LOCATION

845 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale CA

SETTING

The site is flat, and includes paved streets, sidewalks, driveways, with landscaping next to the parking lot, between structures and street, and along streets.

METHODS

On January 21, 2025 I identified and mapped all trees on site. I measured **trunk circumferences** at 4.6 feet above grade, tagged trunks with sequentially numbered blue tags, digitally imaged trees and assessed their **health, structural quality** and **form**.

Documents used:

- City of Sunnyvale Municipal Code, Chapter 19.94. Tree Preservation Ordinance
- Guide for Plant Appraisal, 10th Ed., Second Printing, 2019, International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
- Managing Trees for Construction, A300 (Part 5), ANSI, TCIA publisher
- Undated, unattributed site topographic survey with some tree locations, vegetation blobs, site plan layout

Measurements & Calculations

- Trunk circumferences measured at 4.6 feet above grade, unless otherwise noted due to access problems
- Multiple trunks are combined and reported as (cumulative) diameter for evaluating their protection status
- Trunk circumferences are divided by 3.14 to calculate diameter, and rounded off to one significant digit

Health Structure & Form Evaluation Standards

- +numerical rating; zero (dead), one (very poor), two (poor), three (fair), four (good), five (excellent)
- + form assessed by rating specimens on their deviance from the norm for the species in this region, visual qualities such as attractiveness, and engineering functions such as screening, shading and creating views
- +qualitative descriptions and items assessed for health & structure include
 - rooting zone - bare, mulched, limited space, weeds, competing vegetation, moisture, debris
 - root crown region (trunk & root junction) - buried, clear, pests, diseases, wet, wounds, cavities
 - trunk - taper, lack of taper, wounds, lean, growth cracks, stress cracks, pests, diseases, wounds
 - scaffold (major) branches - taper, distribution branches, strength of branch connections, wounds, pests
 - smaller branches - distribution, size, amount, strength of connections, pests, diseases
 - twigs - annual growth, color, size, distribution, dead/live
 - foliage - color, size, distribution, pests, diseases, leaf fall

DATA- See Appendix A for full data set

NUMBER OF TREES

- 20 protected trees evaluated

SPECIES

Eight different species of trees were identified, and have the following tolerances of construction as follows:

name	Genus	species	number per species	tolerance of construction
coast live oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>agrifolia</i>	1	Good
European white birch	<i>Betula</i>	<i>pendula</i>	9	Poor-Moderate
holly oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>illex</i>	3	Moderate
Hollywood juniper	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>chinensis</i>	2	Good
Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia</i>	<i>robusta</i>	4	Good
queen palm	<i>Syagrus</i>	<i>romanzoffiana</i>	1	Moderate

SIZE

Tree trunk diameters range from 3.5 to 43.0 inches, averaging 16.4 inches.

HEALTH, STRUCTURE, AND FORM OF PROTECTED TREES

- health ranges from poor to good, averaging fair-good
- structure & form ranges from very poor to good averaging fair

ANALYSIS

SUITABILITY FOR PRESERVATION ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

- 15 trees suitable for preservation based on health, structure, form and species tolerances of construction
- 5 trees not suitable for preservation based on same criteria as above

PROTECTED STATUS- 16 trees because of size, 4 as street trees, 3 of which are also size protected

REMOVALS - 17 trees are proposed for removal due to their condition, locations relative to proposed grading, species being non-native, specimen not integrating well with proposed new landscaping

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS for TREES TO BE PRESERVED

TREE PROTECTION FENCING - Six feet high chain-link fencing

TREE PROTECTION ZONES (TPZ's)

Tree protection fencelines will outline needed tree protection zones from ground to six feet up

CLEARANCE PRUNING

Prior to work within tree driplines consulting arborist or city arborist should evaluate trees with contractors and subcontracts for any needed clearance pruning.

ROOT PRUNING

Prior to any work on the ground within TPZ's consulting arborist or city arborist should evaluate area with contractors and subcontractors, and be on site during any work within areas of concern. Since most of the area around most of the trees on site are paved, supervision will probably be limited to work within the fenced zones.

APPENDIX A - DATA & ANALYSIS

tag#	name	Genus species	circumference inches	diameter inches	Health	Structure	Form	notes	Protected in Sunnyvale	Suitable for Preservation	Client Proposes
362	coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	20.5	6.5	fair	fair	fair	bare compacted soil, limited rooting zone, no trunk taper, 33% live crown ratio (lcr)	YES	YES	PRESERVE
363	Hollywood juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	48,20,12,17 (97)	30.9	good	poor	poor	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> rooting zone limited, root crown buried, stump sprout, trunks with included bark, leaning twisted topped scaffolds, 66% lcr	YES	NO	REMOVE due to poor structure and form
364	coast redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	86	27.4	good	good	fair	limited rooting zone, new top sprouting, lcr 85%	YES	YES	PRESERVE
365	Hollywood juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>	23,19,24,42,15,12 (135)	43.0	good	poor	fair	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> rooting zone limited, root crown buried, stump sprout, trunks with included bark, leaning twisted topped scaffolds, 75% lcr	YES	NO	REMOVE due to poor structure and form
366	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	78	24.8	good	good	good	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> rooting zone limited, root crown small wound	YES	YES	REMOVE due to project grading
367	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	88	28.0	good	fair	fair	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> rooting zone limited, trunk leaning twist	YES	YES	REMOVE due to project grading

tag#	name	Genus species	circumference inches	diameter inches	Health	Structure	Form	notes	Protected in Sunnyvale	Suitable for Preservation	Client Proposes
368	queen palm	<i>Syagrus romanzoffiana</i>	41	13.1	good	good	good	limited rooting zone	YES	YES	REMOVE because non-native
369	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	72	22.9	good	good	good	limited rooting zone	YES	YES	REMOVE because non-native
370	Mexican fan palm	<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	75	23.9	good	good	good	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> rooting zone, dead fronds to 5' above grade	YES	YES	REMOVE due to project grading
371	holly oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	61.5	19.6	good	good	good	compacted limited rooting zone, root crown wound, lcr 60%	YES	YES	PRESERVE
372	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	27	8.6	fair	fair	fair	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> & river rock rooting decayed dead trunk remains, minimal taper, grove tree lcr 70%	NO	YES	REMOVE due to poor structure and form
373	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	10,24	10.8	fair	fair	fair	<i>Hedera canariensis</i> & river rock girdling roots minimal taper, grove tree lcr 70%	NO	YES	REMOVE due to project grading
374	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	23	7.3	fair	fair	fair	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, root crown decay from sprinkler, leaning & corrected lean trunk, grove tree lcr 66%	NO	YES	REMOVE due to project grading

tag#	name	Genus species	circumference inches	diameter inches	Health	Structure	Form	notes	Protected in Sunnyvale	Suitable for Preservation	Client Proposes
375	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	29	9.2	good	good	good	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, grove tree lcr66%	NO	YES	REMOVE due to project grading
376	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	11.5,5.5,7 (24)	10.8	poor	poor	poor	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, suppressed grove tree lcr 60%	NO	NO	REMOVE due to project grading
377	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	25	8.0	fair	fair	fair	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, grove tree lcr66%	NO	YES	REMOVE due to project grading
378	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	17,19 (36)	11.5	fair	fair	fair	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, codominant trunks with included bark, one dead top, dead patch of ground cover, grove tree lcr66%	NO	YES	REMOVE for new cohesive landscaping plan
379	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	11.1	3.5	good	good	good	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, dominant grove tree lcr 75%	NO	YES	REMOVE due to project grading
380	European white birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	8.5,14 (22.5)	7.2	poor	poor	poor	star jasmine, bare soil & river rocks in rooting zone, codominant trunks with included bark, dead tops, suppressed grove tree lcr 45%	NO	NO	REMOVE due to project grading

ta g#	name	Genus species	circum- ference inches	diam- eter inches	Health	Structure	Form	notes	Protected in Sunnyvale	Suitable for Preservation	Client Proposes
381	holly oak	Quercus ilex	16,9,17, 19 (61)	19.4	good	very poor	poor	suppressed stump sprout or seedling growing into fence	NO	NO	REMOVE due to project grading
382	holly oak	Quercus ilex	11,14 (25)	8.0	fair	very poor	very poor	suppressed stump sprout or seedling growing into fence	NO	NO	REMOVE due to project grading

APPENDIX B - GLOSSARY

dripline - region underneath tree canopy

form - genetically determined appearance that includes spread, height & configuration

health - tree growth as expressed by foliage, twigs, branches & trunks including resistance to pests

root crown – region where trunk and root system meet, also called ‘buttress’ or ‘butt’

rooting zone – area where roots are likely to survive, beginning at the trunk and extending up to three times the radius of a tree’s dripline region

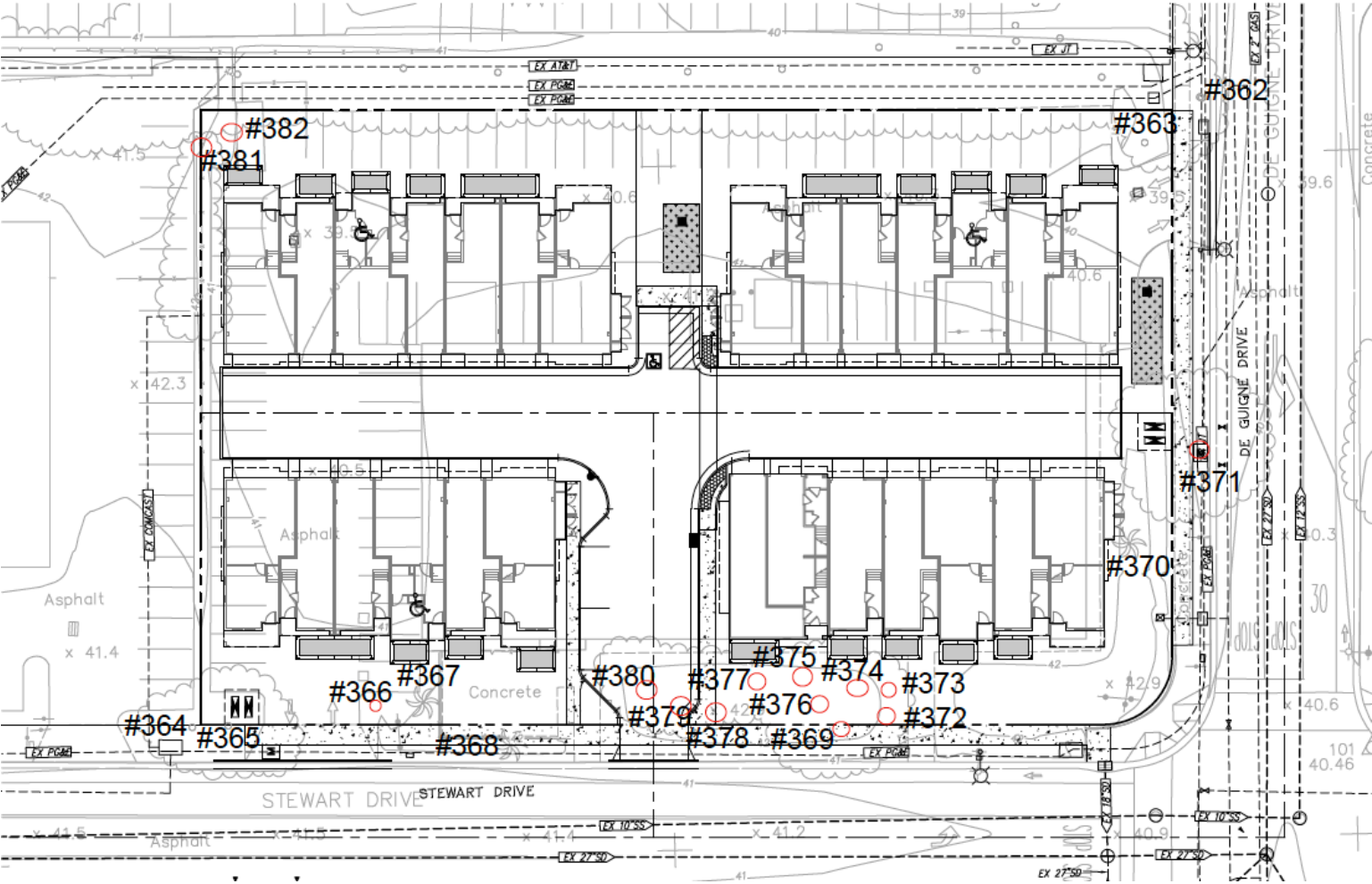
scaffold – large, structural branch

structure - physical and mechanical qualities of tree

trunk circumference – measurement of trunk, distance around

trunk diameter - trunk circumference divided by 3.14

APPENDIX C - TREE LOCATION MAP



APPENDIX D - CERTIFICATE OF PERFORMANCE

I, Michael Baefsky certify:

- That I have reviewed the City of Sunnyvale Municipal Code, Chapter 19.94. Tree Preservation Ordinance
- That I have evaluated the subject trees, and stated my findings accurately. The extent of the evaluation is stated in the attached report;
- That I have no current or prospective interest in the vegetation or the property that is the subject of this report and have no personal interest or bias with respect to the parties involved;
- That the analysis, opinions, and conclusions stated herein are my own;
- That my analysis, opinions, and conclusions were developed and this report has been prepared according to commonly accepted professional practices;
- That no one provided significant professional assistance to the consultant, except as indicated within the report;
- That my compensation is not contingent upon the reporting of a predetermined conclusion that favors the cause of the client or any other party.

I certify that I am Registered Consulting Arborist #456, a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and am Certified Arborist & Qualified Risk Assessor #WE0222A, Agricultural Pest Control Advisor #074617, Qualified Applicator #99864, Licensed Landscape Contractor (inactive) #931410, and have been involved in the practice of Arboriculture, Integrated Pest Management, Plant Health Care and Ecological Soils Management, and the study of soils and horticulture for over thirty five years.

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