

## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Andrew Gilich  
Jerry Creel, Director of Community Development  
Eric Nolan, Arborist  
City Council Members  
Mike Leonard, CAO

From: City of Biloxi Tree Committee  
Carroll Campbell, Chair (5)  
James "Bernie" Marinovich, Vice-Chair (6)  
Tracy Wyman, Secretary (3)  
Matt Dubaz (2)  
Robin Rodolfich (1)  
Geneva Dummer (4)  
Brian Lamar (7)

Date: June 21, 2018

**Re: Recommendations for the Blake at Biloxi Assisted Living Center, TR-18-001**

The Tree Committee has reviewed the site plan and tree inventory provided by the Blake for their proposed development in Biloxi, and we have the following recommendations:

1. The Developer often uses crepe myrtles at their entry drives for Assisted Living Facilities; however, crepe myrtles are not a native species and are classified botanically as shrubs. We therefore recommend that the Developer use the maximum number of Live Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*) at all entry drives, spaced at 20' apart, either relocated or nursery grown 8" caliper, at all entry drives.
2. We further recommend that the developer use Live Oaks (either relocated within the site or nursery grown to a diameter of eight caliper inches) at all green islands in the parking lot to provide shade, noise abatement, and wind buffer, with adequate permeable cover applied in the parking area to provide irrigation.
3. In addition, we recommend that the developer reduce parking spaces by 4, increasing the size of 4 of the designed single-space islands. All green islands and corners as shown should be planted as in #2 above, with Live Oaks.
4. By ordinance, the developer must mitigate for the total number of trees removed, over and above those relocated within the site. The estimated number of trees to be removed is 35, and these must be mitigated at the ratio of 3:1 required by ordinance, using an even disbursement of Live Oaks, Bald Cypress, and Southern Magnolia. This

would require the planting of approximately 35 Live Oaks, 35 Bald Cypress and 35 Southern Magnolia.

5. Suggested replanting / mitigation sites: We have identified several sites throughout the City that would be suitable for planting mitigation trees for the Blake:

Popp's Ferry Road Dog Park

Popp's Ferry Road from the nearest cross street to the Dog Park eastwards

Edgewater Park on Edgewater Drive

Hiller Park

Barhonovich Park at Porter Ave.

Savarro Park on Irish Hill

Rosetti Park on Crawford Street

Biloxi Cemetery

City school grounds

Holloway Sports complex

Property just east of the Ohr Museum on Hwy 90

Margaret Sherry Soccer Fields

Trees might be suitable for inclusion in Howard Ave./Downtown restoration project

Mardi Gras Museum property

Biloxi Town Green