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I can't do Zoom, so, here's my public statement for the Nov. 9th Town Hall: (Sorry about redundancy of previous letters - I made some factual corrections).

Shore Pines, Evergreens, and, Madronas would not work along the boatyard side of the road (as has been recommended). There will be very little space for any big trees with all the concrete planned to be put in (We don't need a sidewalk there!) Many of the suggested replacement trees would be a disaster for the boatyard, such as Shore Pines or Evergreens. Those trees are MONECIOUS - self-pollinating due to their male and female parts on each tree and would CREAM the boatyard during it's busiest haul -out season, Feb thru July. It would literally incapacitate the boatwork! Fruit and berry trees would be a mess for boats, also. The boatyard MUST BE CONSIDERED when replanting trees and I urge the Port to stay on that and pay attention to what the City does there! No MONECIOUS, MALE, FRUIT OR BERRY TREES! Dioecious (only one sexed trees) female trees only - they don't pollinate.

I'm sure we'll end up with small streetscape trees, such as those little maples, which have been used for most new landscaping that has happened between Mill Rd. and Pt. Hudson. It'll be stereotypical streetscape trees (MORE Douglas Maples - the ONLY Native Maple that'll fit there), with lots of concrete, and, a predominant industrial scene of blue tarps and boats in various states of disrepair (as much as I love our boatyard!). I've always liked the Poplars for their shielding of us boatworkers, yet, allowing for a spotted view into the yard at our boats.

We should replace (if we must remove all the Poplars) with more young Poplars that already are well underway in Kai Tai. (Save taxpayers' \$\$!) They're the perfect tree for that area! Without powerlines to interfere, why not?? They're HYBRID Poplars that can live 70 - 100 years, unlike, native Poplars. (Our trees aren't much more than 50 years old with years of life left in them)! They're known to THRIVE here in the Pacific NW more than anywhere else in the US, since coming to our country in the late 1700's. Their shallow roots would be perfect for underground powerlines. AND, Poplars are noted for their particular ability to soak up any toxins and pollutants from the soil. Without that concrete sidewalk (that isn't needed), there would be more options for a prettier and greener space along there - maybe with some native bushes like Rhody's, more Yellow Lupine (already a huge one mid-stretch there!) put in ALONG with the young new Poplars!!

I think a Professional Arborist should be consulted to come core each Poplar tree to determine it's health and prospective life span left. Remove or prune any problematic trees and TRY to keep as many as you can.

The Port should keep sacrificing it's 15' ribbon of property for to keep that lovely greenspace between their industrial site and the road. They have another 3.7 acres planned elsewhere for expansion to booster their economic impact. Accessibility to the boatyard doesn't need 'enhancing'!! People make their way to use the bike trail just fine as is - with the bike lanes and nice sidewalk across the road already put in! What's a 'multi-use' sidewalk?? A sidewalk is for pedestrians only. Bikes use the bike lane that's right there! PUD could investigate their ability to underground the wires without removal of the trees. The sidewalk across the road was dug out and put in within feet of the Poplars without hurting the roots. A few years ago, Discovery Road was widened with a 4' drainage ditch dug right against the Golf Course Poplars without harming the trees.

This way, you'd be honoring our past City Leaders' and Citizens' Public Input for THEIR LONG TERM PLAN and commitment for KEEPING the Poplars along that welcoming stretch

as stated in their 1993 Gateway Plan 'Landscaping RECOMMENDATIONS' - page 14. I'm wondering WHO has determined they're dead and dying and ALL need to be wiped out? Getting rid of these trees mainly because 'they are not Native' is simply - anal. Let's try for some continuity with our City's leadership decade to decade!! Let's 'stick with the plan'!

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