

In response to DCR's review of the preliminary planting plan and recommendation that two tree species proposed on the planting plan, David Babcock + Associates (DB+A) contacted Michelle Derviss, a Horticultural consultant to the City, requesting her professional advice as to suitable tree alternates. Based upon her list of alternative tree recommendations (provided in an email on September 11, 2020) and those tree she felt perform well in the local area, DB+A selected Zelkova (in lieu of Robinia) and Cork Oak (in lieu of Pin Oak).

DB+A specifies these two tree species frequently for similar commercial and retail parking lot and perimeter planter applications. These trees are attractive, provide good scale, have few pest and disease problems, hold up well under varying soil and watering conditions, and perform well with reflective heat and wind loads.