



Update on Trees at Cayce Place

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Cayce Place is undergoing a major transformation known as Envision Cayce. The Master Plan calls for a mixed-income, mixed-use community, a one-for-one replacement of all existing units and 11 acres of green space.

MDHA has held more than 80 community meetings since the Envision Cayce planning process began in 2013. The number one goal has always been to provide a better home for the families we serve by listening to their needs and wants for their neighborhood. Residents expressed a great desire for a grocery store, a new school and a safer community.

As we plan each phase of construction, we look at how we can create a defensible design, and we consider the tree population at the site. Our goal is and has always been to preserve as many healthy, mature trees as possible, while building critical modern resources for our families.

The delicate balance of environmental protection and enhancing lives of our Cayce families has been at the forefront of the Envision Cayce plans from day one, and that remains true today.

In order to meet the requirements for the Metro mandated Dew St. extension and requisite utilities expansion, five existing Oak trees along Dew St. and South Sixth St. will need to be removed by the end of the month. A Certified Arborist has deemed three of the Oak trees, two 48 inch and a 66 inch, are in poor health and should be removed due to safety concerns. The other two Oak trees, a 36 inch and 60 inch, appear to be healthy but, unfortunately, will need to be removed.

We value our healthy, mature trees. It is unfortunate that some have to be removed, some due to a tree's health and some due to construction.