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PRESS RELEASE

City to dedicate seven 40-foot majestic Live Oak trees at new city park

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award-winning city with multiple accredited agencies (March 4, 2022) Mayor Phil Anderson, City Commissioners and city officials will gather Friday, March 11, at 9 a.m., to dedicate seven majestic Live Oak trees at the soon to be park located on the former Progress Point property near the intersection of Denning Drive and Minnesota and Orange avenues. The dedication ceremony will take place at the southwest end of the construction site which can be accessed from Denning Drive and Palmetto Avenue.

The 40-foot Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*) trees, transported from Leesburg, Florida, are approximately 20 years old. Each tree measures 15 to 19 inches in diameter and weighs 20 to 30 thousand pounds. The support straps, holding the trees secure after their planting, will remain in place for at least one year.

According to Mayor Phil Anderson, "These majestic trees will be here for centuries, and we are humbled to make such a lasting impact to our city's tree canopy for generations to come."

In conjunction with the tree dedication, Mayor Anderson will present his annual Arbor Day proclamation and the city's Urban Forestry Division will provide information about the [Arbor Day Foundation's Community Canopy](#) initiative that promotes and assists private residents in making improvements to their property's tree canopy.

Conceptual renderings of the park include a pergola and seating wall along the Orange Avenue border with a shade trellis as well as a bus stop trellis canopy. In addition, new pathways will surround commercial, retail, restaurants and neighborhoods for residents and guests to enjoy.

For more information regarding the park, including park design visuals and video of the seven Live Oak tree plantings, please access cityofwinterpark.org/progress-point. For more information regarding the City of Winter Park, please access cityofwinterpark.org.

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