



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 14, 2007

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 1017 E. Haley St. – Ken Smith, Agent for Owner – Tara

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve on the condition a new street tree be planted and an additional street tree be provided and installed by the petitioner at a location as near as possible to the project. The Committee would like to evaluate the designated specie for the 1000 block of E. Haley at their next meeting.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 400 Block of Shoreline Dr. – Lisa Arroyo, Public Works – Palm Trees

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal of the street trees, but allow the trees to be relocated within the median elsewhere; the locations to be determined by Parks Staff.

C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 322 E. Alamar Ave. – Arthur Korngiebel – Acacia

Justification: The Committee and staff unanimously recommend that the Commission approve the removal of the smaller of the two trees, and recommend trimming of the larger of the two to allow for more light for the adjacent street tree; recommend not using Bamboo due to its invasive nature.

2. 707 Woodland Dr. – Harold Fildey – Pine

Justification: The Committee and staff unanimously recommend that the Commission approve the removal. The tree is in severe decline.

3. 1017 E. Haley St. – Ken Smith, Agent for Owner – Pine

Justification: The Committee and staff approve removal on the condition three replacement trees be planted by the petitioner in vacant street tree areas along the street. Species to be determined at the next STAC Meeting as in item 1017 E. Haley St. street tree above. The locations will be as close to the project as possible.

D. Postpone a decision for the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 25 E. Anapamu St. – Joshua Haggmark, Engineer – *Pyrus kawakamii* and *Pyrus calleryana*

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission hold off until a decision is made about Casas Las Granadas because the project may open up opportunities to provide for more trees.

Discussion: The request for street tree removal at this location came because the sidewalk is scheduled to be replaced in conjunction with the Casas Las Granadas project. These trees would need to be removed due to their location in relation to the curb if the design of the sidewalk is to be consistent along this section of Anapamu Street. The new design will include tree grates and the current location of the trees is not conducive to tree grates.

On October 12, 2007 the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Street Tree Advisory Committee discussed the placement of street trees in front of Casas Las Granadas. At that time the Commission direction to the Redevelopment Agency was to provide locations for street trees to increase shade and return with proposed species. Since that time the HLC has rejected the plaza landscape design and directed the project be resubmitted with changes proposed for the handicap access ramp within the project and the water meters currently located in the sidewalk.

The Committee and staff determined it may be in the best interest for street tree numbers and placement to be determined after the HLC is satisfied with the design of the plaza. They felt design changes could improve street tree opportunities for Casas Las Granadas and 25 E Anapamu.

As a result, the Committee and staff voted unanimously to table a decision for Casas Las Granadas and recommend the Commission postpone a decision for 25 E Anapamu Street as well.

E. Approve the following Street Tree Designation.

1. 3000 block State St. and 3000 block De La Vina Ave. – Bob Cunningham
– Street Tree designation – *Acacia stenophylla*

Justification: After discussion of various aspects of the re-alignment of De La Vina at State St. The Committee and staff recommend the street tree designation in these blocks be changed to *Acacia stenophylla*. The Committee also recommended the Deodar cedar be moved to the extreme corner of Mackenzie Park adjacent to the project. Staff recommends the cedar be relocated to Alameda Park due to future potential projects in that area of Mackenzie Park.

Discussion: The City's Public Works Traffic Division is moving forward with a project to re-align De La Vina Avenue at State Street. This design opens up space for street trees where only sidewalk existed before. Due to the need for a decision on specie designation at the site; Bob Cunningham contacted the Parks Division on behalf of the City Public Works Traffic Division to request a specie designation.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 1017 E. Haley St.
 2. 400 Block of Shoreline Dr.
 3. 322 E. Alamar Ave.
 4. 707 Woodland Dr.
 5. 1017 E. Haley St.
 6. 25 E. Anapamu St.
 7. 3000 Block State St. and 3000 Block De La Vina Ave.

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