



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 23, 2008

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 and proposed locations.
1. 00 E. Anapamu St. – Jeannette Candau – (1) Evergreen Pear (1) Ornamental Pear

Justification: The Park and Recreation Commission, at a special joint meeting with the Street Tree Advisory Committee, requested that this item be continued with the request that as many trees as possible be planted as street trees and the remaining trees be placed within the project in order to shade the sidewalk.

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal and proposed locations for the replacement trees. The Committee and staff felt the existing trees are not prime examples of their species. In addition, the project will include street tree wells and grates for better pedestrian access. The existing street trees would not be centered in the new grates. The Committee and staff recommend the street tree be ornamental pear as called out in the master plan. Although the trees behind the sidewalk are not the jurisdiction of the Street Tree Advisory Committee, Committee members were concerned native species were not used for replacement. The Committee suggested Western Redbud or Toyon be considered; the original plant pallet indicated a preference for California native plantings.

- B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1431 Shoreline Dr. – Lauren Emma – Indian Laurel Fig

Justification: The Committee felt the location of the tree would create problems at the site due to the aggressive nature of this species. The Committee and staff recommend the Commission approve the removal with the condition the applicant replace it with another tree planted in the setback area.

2. 3736 Magnolia/Dixon St. – John Purdie – Italian Cypress

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend the Commission approve the removal. The trees are diseased and poorly located.

3. 1811 El Encanto Rd. – Grant Castleberg – Sugar Gum

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal with the condition the applicant preserve the oak trees in the surrounding area and any tree 20 ft. or taller within 100 ft. of the tree in question.

C. Deny the following continued Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1727 Santa Barbara St. – Richard Suding – Canary Island Palm

Justification: At the December 2007 Park and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed this removal request and continued the item until landscape plans could be provided.

The Committee and staff unanimously recommend that the Commission deny the removal of the Canary Island Palm. The Committee and staff felt the tree would not be inconsistent with the neighboring properties because two adjoining properties have three of this specie located in the front yard setback. Staff would support relocation of the tree to any location. The Committee does not support relocation of the tree. Subsequent to the December meeting, the applicant has advised they have an offer to relocate the tree at no cost to the applicant or the City. It is unknown where the tree will be relocated. Per the Commission's request, attached are landscaping plans and comments related to the landscape and Canary Island Palm by the Single Family Design Board.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 00 E. Anapamu St.
 2. 1431 Shoreline Dr.
 3. 3736 Magnolia/Dixon St.
 4. 1811 El Encanto Rd.
 5. 1727 Santa Barbara St.

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