



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 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 Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 907 Isleta Ave. – Mary Turley – Norfolk Island Pine

Justification: The Commission reviewed this item at the December, 2007 meeting. At that time, a decision was postponed until landscape plans were provided. After reviewing the landscape plans, the Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal. The Committee and staff approve removal with condition that the applicant replants in the setback with a 24" box minimum Arbutus 'Marina'.

2. 702 E. Victoria St. – Katharina Schreiber – Coast Live Oak

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend the Commission approve removal. The tree is diseased and not likely to recover.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 3704 Fortunato Way – Scott Lisea – (3) Mexican Fan Palms

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny removals. The Committee and staff felt the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify the removal.

2. 845 Willowglen Rd. – Darlene Sierocuk – Brazilian Pepper

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny removal. The Committee and staff felt the reasons for removal are not valid; this species of tree is not listed as a fire hazard. Therefore the reason does not justify the removal.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 134 E. Alamar Ave. – Ann Veazey – Evergreen Pear

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny removal. The Committee and staff felt the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify the removal.

- D. Postpone the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 3509 Madrona Dr. – David and Kay Jones – Chinese Elm

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend the Commission postpone the decision. The Committee would like the applicant to commit to providing landscape plans to replace the setback tree with a shade tree.

- E. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 1811 El Encanto Rd. – Grant Castleberg – Various trees

Discussion: During a site visit to review the January 2008 application for setback removal of a Eucalyptus tree (approved by the Commission on January 23, 2008), it was discovered that fourteen setback trees were removed without Street Tree Advisory Committee and Park and Recreation Commission review and approval. To address this situation, the Landscape Architect for this project was asked to submit landscape plans including any proposed and completed removals. He was also asked to submit an application for these trees.

Justification: The applicant requested removal of eighteen trees and relocation of three palms. The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the following:

- Removal of 2 existing trees
- Removal of 14 trees previously removed without a permit
- Relocation of 3 palm trees on the property
- Relocation of 2 fruit trees on the property to a location shown where a total of 8 fruit trees are planned
- The mitigation plan described below:

The applicant to provide thirty-two, 24" box replacement trees, (2-1 ratio for the sixteen removals). These trees will be planted by City staff off site.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 907 Isleta Ave.
 2. 702 E. Victoria St.
 3. 3704 Fortunato Way
 4. 845 Willowglen Rd.
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6. 3509 Madrona Ave.
7. 1811 El Encanto Rd.

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