



**City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Longstreet called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Longstreet

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet

Commissioner Ada Conner

Commissioner W. Scott Burns (4:10 p.m.)

Commissioner Daniel Hochman

Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp

Parks Manager Santos Escobar

Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey

Neighborhood & Outreach Services Sr. Supervisor Antonio Velasquez

Executive Assistant Karla Megill

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION: None

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS: Chair Longstreet reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation and the Golf Advisory Committee.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT: None

AGENDA ITEM _____

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of Minutes - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2009.

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 3/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2009.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS:

2. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Approve the following Street Tree removal requests:

Speakers:

- Staff: Mr. Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent; Steven Foley, Supervising Transportation Planner
- Members of the Public: Mr. Ronald Hays, Applicant Item 2A(2); Jarrett Gorin, applicant Item 2B; Janet Reineck, Item 2D(2); and Steven Salvo, Item 2E

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

1. 922 State St. - Ronald Hays - Cercis occidentalis, Western Redbud

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 3/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation regarding item 2A(1) on the condition that the applicant replace the tree with a minimum 15 gallon single trunk Western Redbud tree.

After this vote was taken, by consensus, the Commission rescinded the previous action due to the need to recognize Mr. Robert Hays, applicant, who wished to speak to the item.

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 2/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff regarding item 2A(1) on the condition that the applicant replace the tree with a minimum 15-gallon single trunk Western Redbud tree.

Commissioners Hochman and Burns abstained.

2. 421 N. Milpas St. - Darrell Becker - (1) Juniperus chinensis 'Torulosa', Hollywood Juniper, (1) Thuja orientalis, Oriental Arborvitae

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to approve the removal of the tree on the condition that the maximum available parkway be opened up; one street tree be planted adjacent to the property, and another tree be planted elsewhere in the near vicinity.

- B. Deny the Street Tree removal request at 803 N. Milpas St. - Jarrett Gorin/Vanguard Planning LLC - (1) Podocarpus gracilior, Fern Pine, (1) Ficus microcarpa 'Nitida', Indian Laurel Fig

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hochman, and passed 4/0 to approve the street tree removal request at 803 N. Milpas Street and go with the plan that was approved by the Planning Commission.

Chair Longstreet requested that staff schedule a site visit to Milpas Street with a representative of the Transportation Circulation Committee and the new Commissioners after the first of the year.

- C. Approve the relocation of the front yard setback tree at 3714 State St. - Michelle Velarde/Kellogg Associates, LLC - (2) Syagrus romanzoffianum, Queen Palms, (1) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palm, (3) Phoenix roebelenii, Pygmy Date Palms

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff to approve the relocation of the palm trees on the condition that they not be planted under the canopies of the 3 Jacaranda trees, and further that the applicant consider a building design change that will have less impact on the remaining setback Jacaranda tree canopies.

- D. Approve the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests:
 1. SW corner of Foothill and Cieneguitas - Bob Cunningham/Arcadia Studios, Inc. - (11) various species

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation regarding item 2D(1) allowing the removal and relocation, if possible, of the trees at the SW corner of Foothill and Cieneguitas.

2. 906 Nopal St. - Janet Reineck - Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the removal request on the condition that the applicant plant an approved street tree at their expense.

3. 625 Calle Palo Colorado - Jamie D. Deardorff - Tipuana tipu, Tipu

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation on the approval of the removal of the tree identified in item 2D(3).

- E. Deny the Front Yard Setback Tree removal request at 321 E. Islay St. - Caroline Mairani - Pinus pinea, Italian Stone Pine

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 4/0 to postpone this item at the applicant's request so the applicant can consult with an Arborist regarding root pruning.

- F. Postpone final action on the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 412 Calle Alamo - Edward Hawkes and John Hawkes - Tipuana tipu, Tipu

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation regarding the postponement of item 2F(1).

2. 163 La Jolla Dr. - Peter Becker/Architect - Pittosporum undulatum, Victorian Box

Commissioner Ada Conner moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Hochman, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation regarding the postponement of item 2F(2) until a landscape plan can be provided.

- G. Deny the Street Tree Master Plan Species Designation Change on Reddick St. - Derrik Eichelberger - currently Lophostemon (Tristania) confertus, Brisbane Box

Commissioner W. Scott Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 4/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff and deny the Street Tree Master Plan Species Designation Change on Reddick Street.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Proposed Policy Changes for Santa Barbara Golf Club Tournaments - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission approves the changes to the Santa Barbara Golf Club Tournament Policies, which changes will be in effect on an interim basis through December 2010.

Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy Woods, Administrative Analyst
- Members of the Public: Jeff Hewes, Golf Advisory Committee Chair

Documents:

- Staff Report

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 4/0 to give the Parks and Recreation Director the authority to establish and adjust policies and procedures as necessary related to the use of the Santa Barbara Golf Club for tournament play.

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved and seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner that the Commission not speak in terms of approval or rejection of any of the other recommendations, since the Director is now able to tweak tournament rules, the Director should make those decisions.

Commissioner Burns questioned the need for the motion.

Commissioner Hochman withdrew the motion.

4. Cabrillo Ball Field Improvements - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission receives an update on the problems at Cabrillo Ball Field and approves an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to install new fencing.

Speakers:

- Staff: Santos Escobar, Parks Manager; Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Commissioner Hochman expressed concern as to whether the fence will accomplish the goal of security of the park.

Ms. Rapp said the level of effectiveness will not be known until the project is completed. She said that the area of the Pershing Baseball Field where loitering has taken place in the past has been fenced, and it has been effective.

Commissioner Hochman asked whether the monitor who opens the space for the user groups has the authority and/or ability to clear the area of people who are not the actual users at that time, and are they the appropriate people to be doing that. He asked whether in addition to looking for a grant, the Department is also trying to identifying funding to assist with the real issue, which is policing the area.

Ms. Rapp replied saying that when people who have permits for activities arrive at a park or facility, the expectation is that the area is clean, free of other people, and ready for them to use it. She said that is the role of the various park monitors, and when necessary, they are backed up by the Park Rangers. She said that the Police Department has been a partner, and if they know the Department has an activity starting at a certain time on a regular basis, a patrol does stop by to assist.

Chair Longstreet asked that staff provide a report on the effectiveness of the fence after it has been installed for several months.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 4/0 to approve an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to install new fencing, move forward with the project, and look to evaluate it after installation for future use.

5. Combined Parks and Recreation Commission and Youth Member - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission appoints two Commissioners to serve with two Youth Council representatives to determine the eligibility and term for the youth member of the Commission.

Speaker:

- Staff: Nancy Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director

Documents:

- Staff Report

The Commission appointed Commissioners Burns and Larimore-Hall to serve on the subcommittee with Commissioner Hochman as an alternate.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS:

6. Parks and Recreation Budget - For Discussion

Ms. Rapp advised that staff is scheduling a Special Commission budget work session on December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. She said she will focus on Recreation Services.

Commissioner Burns commented that the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee is anxious to know what is going on with them from a budget perspective. He said they are looking at ways to save money and would like to move forward. Commissioner Burns said that currently, he is the sole member of an Ad Hoc Committee. He said that instead of an Ad Hoc Committee, the Advisory Committee would like the entire Committee to meet so that all their members can be a part of the budget discussion.

7. Neighborhood and Outreach Services - For Discussion

Speakers:

- Staff: Antonio Velasquez, Senior Recreation Supervisor, Neighborhood Outreach Services

ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:03 p.m., with no further business to come before the Commission,

Commissioner Daniel Hochman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ada Conner, and passed 4/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director