



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 27, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

- A. Partially approve the Street Tree removal request at 3003 Paseo Tranquillo – Peggy and Edward Walls – (3) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box – ***continued from December 2009***

This street tree removal request was considered by the Commission at the regular meeting on December 16, 2009. At that time, the Commission considered additional input from the applicant, Peggy Walls, and postponed taking action on the request so that the Commission could review the trees again.

The Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation to remove 1 of the 3 trees is based on the assessment that root pruning and a root barrier could reduce the potential for the walkway to uplift in the future. Root pruning the two trees adjacent to the entry walk was discussed with the applicant. At the time, the applicant considered this approach an alternative to removal.

At the December 16, 2009, meeting, Mrs. Walls requested that the Commission consider approving the removal of all three trees, due to her concern that root pruning would not fully guarantee that the walkway would not uplift in the future.

The recommendation of the STAC and staff remains that the Commission approve the removal of (1) *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box tree located on the corner of the property. The tree closest to the corner is not growing well and is poorly located. The STAC and staff recommend the other tree removals be denied.

ATTACHMENT: 3003 Paseo Tranquillo

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