



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

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Commissioner W. Scott Burns
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara
Commissioner Rocky Jacobson
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Recreation Program Manager Judith McCaffrey
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna

Commissioners & Staff Absent

Commissioner Daraka Larimore-Hall
Commission Intern Diego Torres-Santos

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Ms. Rapp suggested that Item 6, Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointment be addressed prior to Item 3, Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations, because some of the applicants have time conflicts. She further said that if a candidate is not present, the item could be re-visited later during the meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

The Commission acknowledged the September 25, 2010, letter from Mr. Tyburn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to speak.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION:

1. Recognition of Master Gardeners at Alice Keck Memorial Park - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize the UCCE Santa Barbara County Master Gardeners and Grant Castleberg, ASLA, for the design, installation and maintenance of the Butterfly Garden at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden.

Documents

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers

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

Chair Wiscomb presented the UCCE Santa Barbara County Master Gardeners with a certificate of appreciation for the design, installation, and maintenance of the Butterfly Garden at Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden. She further acknowledged Grant Castleberg, ASLA, who was not present, for his work on the project.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Jacobson reported on the activities of the Youth Council and Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the Parma Park Planting Day.

Commissioner Burns reported that there is a Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Work Session scheduled for Saturday, October 30th at 9:00 a.m. at the Davis Center. He also reported on the activities of the PARC Foundation.

Chair Wiscomb talked about the Day of Caring projects organized by the Department. She reported on the activities of the Street Tree Advisory Committee, and that she and Commissioner Longstreet attended the Lights on Afterschool event at the Franklin Elementary School.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

None

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT:

Ms. Rapp provided this report on behalf of Intern Torres-Santos who could not be at the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Approval of Minutes - For Action

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rocky Jacobson, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2010.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS

3. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission

Document

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 3A(2) - William Haack; Item 3C(1) - Bonnie Sangster

- A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 903 W. Mission St. - Brachychiton discolor, Pink Flame Tree - Heidi Ferguson

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Scott Burns, and passed 6/0 to accept the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation for the removal of the tree at 903 W. Mission Street on the condition the applicant put in two 24-inch box Chinese Flame trees.

2. 1711 Loma St. - Ceratonia siliqua, Carob - William C. Haack

Commissioner Rocky Jacobson moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation and approve the removal of the tree at 1711 Loma Street on the condition that the applicant replace the tree with the designated street tree, Australian Willow.

- B. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 10 Portola Ln. - (2) Archontophoenix cunninghamiana, King Palms - Ken Brown

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation regarding 10 Portola Lane on the condition that a Fuyu Persimmon tree is planted.

Casebeer asked that the motion be amended to include that the applicant would do his utmost possible to relocate the two palm trees to which the maker of the motion agreed.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee recommendation regarding 10 Portola Lane on the condition that a Fuyu Persimmon tree is planted, and ask the applicant do the utmost possible to relocate the two palm trees.

C. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1032 Mason St. - (3) Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms, (1) Schinus molle, California Pepper - Lisa Plowman, Peikert Group Architects - continued from May 26, 2010

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal of the three Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms, and the (1) Schinus molle, California Pepper tree at 1032 Mason Street.

Chair Wiscomb asked that an amendment be made that a setback tree be put back in the location in the general area as indicated on the landscape plan.

Commissioner Longstreet suggested that the Commission put with the motion that the Commission is appreciative of the number of trees being added to the project on the preliminary landscape plan. She suggested that commented be added to the motion. Chair Wiscomb concurred.

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 5/1 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and approve the removal of the three Washingtonia robusta, Mexican Fan Palms, and the (1) Schinus molle, California Pepper tree at 1032 Mason Street, and, further comment that the Commission is appreciative of the number of trees being added to the project on the preliminary landscape plan

Commissioner Burns was opposed.

- D. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request on staff's recommendation.

1. 2215 De La Vina St. - Platanus racemosa, California Sycamore
- Pam Webber

Commissioner Chris Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Beebe Longstreet, and passed 6/0 to approve the staff recommendation to allow the removal of the tree at 2215 De La Vina Street and to replant with a Sycamore tree.

- E. Approve the requests to designate the following species to the Street Tree Master Plan.
 1. 00 block of (entire) Chapala St. - change designated species
 2. 100 block (eastside) of Chapala St. - change designated species
 3. 200 block (eastside) of Chapala St. - change designated species
 4. 400-600 block of Grove Ln. - change in street tree designation

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree designation changes outlined in items 3E (1) - (4) and send the Commission's appreciation to the Street Tree Advisory Committee for all their work.

6. Advisory Committee Interviews and Appointments - For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission

Documents

- Staff Report

Speakers

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director
- Members of the Public: Christina McGinnis, Judy Borrell, and Charles Trentacosti

- A. Interview Judy Borrell and Charles Trentacosti, and make one appointment to the Golf Advisory Committee; and

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Rocky Jacobson, and passed 4/2 to appoint Ms. Judy Borrell to the Golf Advisory Committee, representing the community at large for a term ending December 31, 2012.

Commissioners Burns and Casebeer were opposed.

- B. Interview Christina E. McGinnis, and make one appointment to the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to appoint Christina E. McGinnis to the IPM Advisory Committee representing the Environmental Defense Center for a term ending December 31, 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

- 4. Coastal Cleanup/Day of Caring Report - For Information (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Commission hear a report on the Day of Caring and Coastal Cleanup Day.

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- Staff Report
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Speakers

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

- 5. Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year 2011 Budget - For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on the adopted Parks and Recreation Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 General Fund Budget, and a summary of the declines in General Fund support and workforce since FY 2009, and current year work priorities.

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- Staff Report
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Speakers:

- Staff: Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director; Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager; Judith McCaffrey, Recreation Programs Manager; and Santos Escobar, Parks Manager

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m., with no further business to come before the Commission,

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Chris Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director