



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 14, 2011

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Outgoing Street Tree Advisory Committee Members

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Carol Bornstein, Ricardo Castellanos, and Karen Christman for their many years of volunteer service on the Street Tree Advisory Committee (STAC), in support of the Parks and Recreation Department, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Santa Barbara community.

DISCUSSION:

Carol Bornstein has served on the STAC since December 1999, Ricardo Castellanos has served since July 2006, and Karen Christman has served since December 2006. All three members are unable to continue their service due to new professional and personal obligations.

STAC members dedicate many hours of expertise to the preservation of the City's urban forest. STAC meetings average two to three hours per month and special meetings are held as needed. The STAC reviews an average of 45 tree removal applications per year, and provides recommendations on tree issues associated with City improvement projects. Some recent projects include the Tree Preservation Ordinance Update, West Downtown Pedestrian Project, Library Plaza improvements, Plaza De la Guerra improvements, and Upper State Street tree designations. Of particular note, is the work effort over 18 special meetings to develop new tree designations for Upper State Street.

The Department would like to express its sincere appreciation for the significant contributions of Carol Bornstein, Ricardo Castellanos, and Karen Christman in the preservation of the City's urban forest, and wish them well in their new endeavors.

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