



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 22, 2011
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 21 N. Milpas St. – (2) *Ficus microcarpa* 'Nitida', Indian Laurel Fig – Beverly Iles – ***continued from April 27, 2011***

At the regular April 27, 2011, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, the Commission postponed the decision to the June meeting at the request of the applicant.

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The applicant is requesting to remove two of the three trees in tree wells that border this property. Both trees are healthy and in good condition. The Committee reviewed the *Ficus* tree closest to the building, determined the damaged private walkway can be repaired, and that leaf litter on the roof is insufficient reason to remove this tree. The Committee also determined the other *Ficus* tree is not currently causing any damage. The public sidewalk was repaired in March 2011 by the Public Works Department. The Forestry Program also contracted for these trees to be trimmed the last week of March 2011.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 533 E. Anapamu St. – *Syzygium paniculatum*, Brush Cherry – Joaquin Ornelas

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the removal. The Committee determined that the development of the wall warrants removal of this tree.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 1801 Cleveland Ave. – (2) *Eucalyptus citriodora*, Lemon-scented Gum - David W. Sheets

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined that the safety concerns can be mitigated through trimming.

2. 3768 Brenner Dr. – Liquidambar styraciflua, American Sweetgum – Jerry Gibson

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the tree is healthy and its removal would materially affect the immediate neighborhood.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 21 N. Milpas St.
 2. 533 E. Anapamu St.
 3. 1801 Cleveland Ave.
 4. 3768 Brenner Dr.

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