



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 24, 2013

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 267 San Rafael Ave. – Eucalyptus polyanthemos, Silver Dollar Gum – Andrew Gin

The Committee recommends (3-0) that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant plants a designated street tree at a location to be determined by City staff. The Committee determined that principles of good forest management will be best served by the proposed removal.

B. Approve the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1130 and 1133 Punta Gorda St. – (2) Gleditsia triacanthos, Honey Locust, (1) Yucca elephantipes, Giant Yucca, (1) Ligustrum spp., Privet – John Ilasin, Project Engineer, Public Works Department

This project involves widening lower Sycamore Creek and removal and replacement of a bridge on Punta Gorda Street over the creek. One of the Honey Locust trees is a street tree, and the rest of the trees are within the front setback for the above properties.

The Committee recommends (3-0) that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee determined that a reasonable and practical development of the property on which the trees are located requires removal of the trees. Due to the widening of the creek and the bridge, there is no space for street trees. The project does involve creek restoration plantings outside the road right-of-way that includes trees.

C. Approve or conditionally approve the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal request.

1. 230, 221 W. Cota St. and 536 Bath St. – (1) *Brachychiton discolor*, (1) *Pinus halepensis*, (1) *Syzygium paniculatum*, (1) *Fraxinus uhdei*, (1) *Platanus racemosa*, (1) *Citrus* spp. – James Colton, Project Engineer, Public Works Department

This project involves widening of Mission Creek and removal and replacement of a bridge on West Cota Street over the creek. The *Brachychiton discolor*, *Syzygium paniculatum*, and the *Pinus halepensis* are street trees, and the remainder of the trees are within the front setback for the above properties.

The Committee recommends (3-0) that the Commission approve all removals as proposed, but delay a decision on replacement tree species until the next meeting. The Committee determined that the parkway size will support larger trees than the tree that is currently designated, *Magnolia 'Little Gem'* and would like additional time to recommend a new designated species. The Committee further determined that a reasonable and practical development of the property on which the trees are located requires removal of the trees.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the removals on the condition that up to four designated street trees are planted. If the Committee recommends a new species be designated, and the Commission concurs, the proposed spacing may need to change to accommodate larger canopy trees.

D. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 33 Ocean View Ave. – *Lophostemon confertus*, Brisbane Box – Arbor Services, Inc. for Pueblo Andaluz, HOA

The Committee recommends (2-1) that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant plants a designated tree in the parkway at 41 Ocean View Ave. The Committee determined the location of the existing tree is too close to the main lines that supply gas for the property and that the existing shrubbery will fill in the space occupied by the tree.

E. Consider the following change of designation

1. 100-400 blocks of W. Carrillo St. – consider an additional species

The Committee recommends (3-0) that the Commission co-designate *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palm for the 100-400 blocks of W. Carrillo St.

F. Retain current designation

1. San Rafael Ave. – retain current designation

The Committee received a request at public comment for their February 7, 2013, meeting to consider changing the designated species on San Rafael Ave. The requestor indicated the Silver Dollar Eucalyptus Trees currently planted are dying. After reviewing the trees and the parkways along the street, the Committee recommends that the Commission consider no additional designation. The Committee determined the currently designated tree, (Eucalyptus polyanthemos, Silver Dollar Eucalyptus) works well on San Rafael Ave., and the existing trees are thriving.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 267 San Rafael Ave.
  2. 1130 and 1133 Punta Gorda St.
  3. 230, 221 W. Cota St. and 536 Bath St.
  4. 33 Ocean View Ave.
  5. 100-400 blocks of W. Carrillo St.
  6. San Rafael Ave.

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