



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2013
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. 1723 Grand Ave. – Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine – Stella Pynn

The applicant was present at the Committee meeting and spoke in support of the removal. The applicant is not the property owner, but lives across the street and let the Committee know that she would consider replacing the tree with a new street tree if the tree was approved for removal. Parks Division staff discussed the tree with Fire Department staff. The Fire Department would support removal, but does not deem the tree to be a fire hazard.

The Committee recommends (4/1) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the loss of this tree would be an impact to the area due to the loss of canopy. The one dissenting member determined that the existing tree does not conform to the Street Tree Master Plan, and does not have the potential for proper growth in the current location.

B. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 2602 and 2610 Hacienda Court – (1) Pinus pinea, Italian Stone Pine, (2) Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine – Hacienda Owner's Association

Bruce Bigenho and Bob Kitson were present at the meeting and spoke in support of removal.

The Committee recommends (4/1) that the Commission approve the removal of (1) Pinus pinea, Italian Stone Pine at 2602 Hacienda Court and deny (2) Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine trees at 2610 Hacienda Court. The Committee determined that at 2610 Hacienda Court, the applicant can make work repairs around the existing trees. The Committee determined that principles of good

forest management will be best served by the (1) proposed removal. The one accenting member would support removal of all trees on the application.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 3405 Chuparosa Dr. – (3) *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore – Janis Gogel

The Committee recommends (4/1) that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal. The one accenting member would support removal of the (1) tree closest to the home. That member determined the removal of this tree would alleviate many of the concerns expressed by the applicant, and benefit the two remaining trees by allowing them room to develop canopy.

STAC commented that pruning the lower portion of the rear tree will alleviate some of the issues expressed by the applicant.

2. 2290 Las Tunas Rd. – (3) *Eucalyptus* spp., Eucalyptus – Cindy Oas

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee determined the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal and that removing these trees would have a material impact on the urban forest. The Committee determined the privacy hedge can be installed without removal of trees.

3. 1913 Mission Ridge Rd. – *Araucaria columnaris*, Cook Pine – Travis Bright

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal.

D. Consider the following co-designation.

1. 300-400 blocks of W. Cota St. – co-designate *Magnolia grandiflora* ‘Samuel Sommer’, Samuel sommer Magnolia and *Brachychiton discolor*, Pink Flame Tree for the 300-400 blocks of W. Cota St. If adopted by the Commission, these designations will replace the current designation of *Magnolia* ‘Little Gem’.

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission co-designate *Magnolia grandiflora* ‘Samuel Sommer’, Samuel sommer Magnolia and *Brachychiton*

discolor, Pink Flame Tree for the 300-400 blocks of W. Cota St. If adopted by the Commission, these designations will replace the current designation of Magnolia 'Little Gem'.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 1723 Grand Ave.
 2. 2602 and 2610 Hacienda Court
 3. 3405 Chuparosa Dr.
 4. 2290 Las Tunas Rd.
 5. 1913 Mission Ridge Rd.
 6. 300-400 blocks of W. Cota St.

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