



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Wiscomb

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners & Staff Present

Commissioner Megan Alley
Commissioner Chris Casebeer
Commissioner Nicolas Ferrara (departed at 5:20 p.m.)
Commissioner Beebe Longstreet
Commissioner Charlie Trentacosti
Commissioner Lesley Wiscomb
Parks & Recreation Director Nancy Rapp
Asst. Parks & Recreation Director Jill Zachary
Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna
Parks Manager Santos Escobar, Jr.
Urban Forest Superintendent Timothy Downey
Executive Assistant Karla Megill
Jason Bryan, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
Mark Alvarado, Sr. Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

Commissioners Absent

Parks & Recreation Youth Intern Kate Yee

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Ms. Rapp asked that Item 5, Free Summer Meals for Kids Program, be addressed prior to Item 1, Recognition of the Lompoc Youth Corps.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers:

Kenneth Loch spoke about Tennis.

Ivette Gil, Outgoing Chair of the Santa Barbara Youth Council, provided a year-end report of Youth Council activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of the Lompoc Youth Corps – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission recognize the Lompoc Youth Corps for their outstanding service at the No Kid Hungry event.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Mark Alvarado, Sr. Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

The Commission recognized the outstanding service the Lompoc Youth Corps members for their outstanding service during the No Kid Hungry event, and presented them with certificates of appreciation.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS:

Commissioner Alley reported that she and Ms. Longstreet received a presentation on the Eastside Transportation Master Plan. She said she attended the Parks and Recreation Department's Annual Awards Breakfast. Ms. Alley the reported on the activities of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Ferrara reported on the activities of the Creeks Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Longstreet reported on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation. She said she attended the Father's Day Celebration at Monterey Village. Ms. Longstreet also reported that she attended the Neighborhood Advisory Council meetings.

Commissioner Casebeer reported on the activities of the Arts and Crafts Show Advisory Committee. He said he also attended the Parks and Recreation Annual Awards Breakfast.

Commissioner Trentacosti reported on the activities of the Golf Advisory Committee. He said he also attended the Parks and Recreation Department Annual Awards Breakfast.

Chair Wiscomb said she attended the Bee Keeping Lecture which was part of the Santa Barbara Public Garden's Month. She said she attended the No Kid Hungry event at McKinley School. Ms. Wiscomb advised that she attended the City Council Budget Work Session on June 3rd speaking on the Commission's comments regarding the Department's budget. Ms. Wiscomb reported on the activities of the Urban Forest Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee and PARC Foundation. Finally, she said she also attended the Parks and Recreation Department Annual Awards Breakfast.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Rapp advised that Ms. Alley was appointed to the Commission for another four-year term. Ms. Rapp advised the Commissioner Trentacosti will be stepping down from the Commission and moving out of state, which will leave two vacancies.

The Commission acknowledged Commissioner Trentacosti's contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission and committees on which he has served and expressed that he will be greatly missed.

Ms. Rapp acknowledged Commissioner Trentacosti's contributions to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Golf Advisory Committee, and the Department. She expressed appreciation for his dedication and said he will be missed.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Summary of Council Actions – For Information

The Commission received the Summary of Council Actions. They had no questions.

3. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2013.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2013.

STREET TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Any action of the Parks and Recreation Commission made pursuant to Municipal Code Chapter 15.24, Preservation of Trees, may be appealed to the City Council within ten days.

4. Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendation – For Action

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

- Staff: Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent
- Members of the Public: Item 4C(1) Margorie Bargona; Item 4C(2) – Mr. Oas
Item 4C(3) Robert Adams

Recommendation: That the Commission:

- A. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.
 1. 1723 Grand Ave. – Pinus canariensis, Canary Island Pine – Stella Pynn

Commissioner Casebeer moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation deny the removal of the Pinus canariensis at 1723 Grand Avenue.

- 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

Mr. Downey reported that 2602 and 2610 Hacienda Court is a planned use development; there are several trees surrounding the property. He said the Italian Stone Pine is causing some lifting of the patio deck. The two Canary Island Pines, located behind 2610 Hacienda Court are causing damage to a driveway

parking space adjacent to them. Mr. Downey said that the concerns are for maintenance and other concerns for the safety of the public due to the electrical lines and their proximity to the leaning tree. He said that the Street Tree Advisory Committee reviewed the application for removal and conducted a site visit; they recommend that the Italian Stone Pine, which leans, be approved for removal. Mr. Downey said the Committee also recommends that the removal of the two Canary Island Pines be denied, because the hardscape can be repaired and roots pruned, and the trees can be preserved. Mr. Downey stated that the Committee determined there are other trees in the vicinity that may benefit from the removal of the Italian Stone Pine tree. Mr. Downey reiterated the Committee's recommendation, which was to approve the removal of the Italian Stone Pine located behind 2602 Hacienda Court, and deny the removal of the two Canary Island Pine trees.

Commissioner Ferrara asked whether the Italian Stone Pine will be replaced with any smaller trees. Mr. Downey said the applicant expressed interest in looking at replacement trees, but the Street Tree Advisory Committee determine there to be plenty of canopy in the area and that planting a replacement was not necessary.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Ferrara, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to partially approve the removal request at 2602 and 2610 Hacienda Court.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

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

Commissioner Alley moved, seconded by Commissioner Casebeer, and passed 5/1 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the trees at 3405 Chuparosa Drive.

Commissioner Trentacosti was opposed.

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

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the trees at 2290 Las Tunas Road.

Ms. Longstreet withdrew her motion.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Casebeer, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the removal of the trees at 2290 Las Tunas Road.

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

Commissioner Ferrara moved, seconded by Commissioner Trentacosti, and passed 6/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff

recommendation to deny the removal of the tree at 1913 Mission Ridge Road.

- 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’.

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Casebeer, and passed 5/0 to concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation regarding the 300-400 blocks of W. Cota Street.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORT:

5. Free Summer Meals for Kids – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive information on the free summer meals program.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Mark Alvarado, Sr. Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Police Activities League Annual Report on the Twelve35 Teen Center – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a presentation and annual report on the Police Activities League Twelve35 Teen Center for Fiscal Year 2013.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- PAL Video

Speakers:

- Staff: Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager
- Members of the Public: Judith Lugo, Elvia Hernandez, Leslie Marie of the Police Activities League

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

7. Report on Outcomes of Carrillo Recreation Center Improvements – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a report on activity and rental improvement at the Carrillo Recreation Center since the RDA-funded renovation.

Documents:

- Staff Report

- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers:

- Staff: Jason Bryan, Sr. Recreation Supervisor

The Commission received the report and their questions were answered.

8. Concerts in the Park 2013 – For Information

Recommendation: That the Commission receive a written report about the upcoming Concerts in the Park program.

Documents:

- Staff Report

The Commission received the report.

NEW BUSINESS - None

9. Commission Liaison to Urban Forest Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee – For Action

Recommendation: That the Commission appoint a Liaison to the Urban Forest Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Commissioner Longstreet was appointed as the liaison to the Urban Forest Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:00 p.m., with no further business to be addressed by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks & Recreation Director