



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 19, 2014

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Setback Tree Removal Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Commission:

A. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1260 Dover Lane – (2) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yucca, (1) *Araucaria columnaris*, Cook Pine – Charles McClure, Landscape Architect, on behalf of the owners

The owners of 1260 Dover Lane propose to renovate the existing home and landscaping. As part of this project, Charles McClure, Landscape Architect, submitted a request to remove three trees on the owners' behalf. The (2) *Yucca elephantipes*, Giant Yuccas are being requested for removal due to their size and lack of compatibility with the proposed new landscaping. The trees are surrounded by other trees that are proposed to remain. The *Araucaria columnaris*, Cook pine, is being requested for removal due to its poor condition. Staff determined the removal of these three trees would provide more sunlight and, therefore, benefit other existing trees.

The Street Tree Advisory Committee did not meet in November, due to lack of a quorum. Chapter 15.24.070 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code requires that the Commission act on an application to remove trees within 60 days; therefore, staff recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the (3) trees on the condition that the replacement trees be installed as proposed.

ATTACHMENT: 1260 Dover Lane

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