



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 22, 2015
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. 136 San Rafael Ave. – *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum – Nick and Tara Svensson

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The applicant did not supply evidence of previous utility damage. The Committee determined that the reasons supplied by the applicant are insufficient to justify removal.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 224 W. Islay St. – *Araucaria bidwillii*, Bunya Pine – Sandy Combs

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined there was insufficient evidence of damage and that removing the tree would significantly impact the neighborhood with respect to forestation.

C. Conditionally approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1387 Sycamore Canyon Rd. – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Jeff Mikeska and Erica Storm

The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant obtains permits to install solar panels as proposed on the application. The Committee determined that installation of solar panels is a reasonable development of the property, and the removal of this tree would not be a significant impact to the area.

D. Approve the following change to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 0 W. Los Olivos St.– Erick and Mary Couch

The Committee determined that this block would benefit from a tree with an alternate visual texture compared to the Strawberry Tree. The Committee (3/0) recommends that the Commission add *Prosopis chilensis*, Chilean Mesquite and retain *Arbutus unedo*, Strawberry Tree as designated trees to the 0 block of West Los Olivos.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 136 San Rafael Ave.
2. 224 W. Islay St.
3. 1387 Sycamore Canyon Rd.
4. 0 W. Los Olivos St.

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