



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** August 24, 2016  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission:

A. Approve or Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 601 Alameda Padre Serra – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine – Teri Tuason

The owner at 601 Alameda Padre Serra is in the approval process for an addition to the rear of the existing structure. As part of the tree removal application the owner submitted an Arborist report which supports preserving the tree in question. In the report, the Arborist stated that the project would not impact the tree and with some pruning the tree could be preserved. Based on this information the Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal.

After the Committee made their recommendation, the Arborist provided staff with a revised report which supports removal due to the impacts of the project on the stability of the tree. Staff determined based on this new information that the tree would be destabilized by the excavation necessary for the proposed addition. The Committee did not receive the supplemental Arborist's report that supports removal. Staff recommends the tree be approved for removal on the condition the proposed replacement tree is installed.

B. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1515 ½ W. Gillespie St. – *Phoenix canariensis*, Canary Island Date Palm – Mansfield Turney

The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee commented that there could be other construction methods to alleviate the water drainage issue while preserving the tree.

C. Approve the following changes to the Street Tree Master Plan:

1. 400 block of Old Coast Highway – plan co-designation – STAC

The Public Works Department has an impending sidewalk infill project for the north side of the 400 block of Old Coast Highway. Due to the width of the road right-of-way, there is insufficient room for parkways large enough to support the currently designated tree. The Committee asked that this item be placed on the agenda to propose a smaller tree to be co-designated in anticipation of planting trees along this section that currently has no trees. The Committee (5/0) recommends that the Commission approve *Lyonothamnus floribundus*, Catalina Ironwood as a co-designated tree for the 400 block of Old Coast Highway.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 601 Alameda Padre Serra
2. 1515 ½ Gillespie St.
3. 400 block of Old Coast Highway

**PREPARED BY:** Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

**APPROVED BY:** Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director