



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

**AGENDA DATE:** June 22, 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 the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 1819 and 1859 Cliff Dr. – (2) *Cryptocarya rubra*, Red Laurel – Peterson’s Tree Care

The applicant is upgrading the onsite landscaping, including improving Americans with Disability Act, (ADA) access. Due to the existing tree wells, the public sidewalk does not currently have sufficient width to accommodate ADA access at this busy intersection. The project proposes planting three new trees in private planters adjacent to Meigs Road to accommodate for the loss of the street trees. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission approve the removals.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request:

1. 1012 W. Micheltorena St. – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victoria Box – Anastasia (Nancy) Atwill

Although the tree is declining, the Committee determined it still provides a community benefit. The Committee (3/1) recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee member who voted against the motion would have supported tree removal if a replacement tree were proposed.

C. Partially approve the following Setback Tree removal request:

1. 1276 N. Ontare Rd. – (2) *Cupressus macrocarpa*, Monterey Cypress – Erin Carroll

The applicant wishes to upgrade their landscaping and remove these trees due to the owner's allergies. The two trees have been pruned by the utility company in order to maintain the safety of the high voltage lines. The applicant proposes to replace the trees with fruitless olives and Forest Pansy redbud trees to match other young trees fronting the property. The Committee determined that the smaller of the two Monterey Cypress proposed for removal is suffering from a disease and is in decline. They also determined the larger tree provides a significant community benefit. The Committee (3/1) recommends that the Commission approve the removal of the smaller tree and deny removal of the larger tree. The Committee member who voted against the motion would have supported both tree removals.

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

1. 300 block of N. La Cumbre Rd. – Co-designate a street tree.

At the March 23, 2016 meeting, the Commission approved removal of three trees on the condition the project plant as many trees as feasible in the proposed parkways. The currently designated street tree grows too large for the available parkways. The Committee (4/0) recommends that the Commission co-designate *Cercis canadensis*, Eastern Redbud for the 300 block of N. La Cumbre Rd.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 1819 and 1859 Cliff Dr.
2. 1012 W. Micheltorena St.
3. 1276 N. Ontare Rd.
4. 300 block of N. La Cumbre Rd.

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