



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 6, 2014
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 a.m.**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:34 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Des O'Neill, Maury Treman, Grant Castleberg, Bob Cunningham and Duke McPherson
Staff present: Tim Downey, Patty Herrera
P&R Commission Liaison: Lesley Wiscomb
Public present: Lisa Burns
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. Regular Meeting, February 6, 2014 – Approved

Member Des O'Neill moved, seconded by Duke McPherson that the February 6, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes be approved, passed, 4/0/1. Member, Bob Cunningham abstained.

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
Take Old Business after Member and Staff Communications.

Lisa Burns with the Upper East Association was present for Old Business item at 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. and spoke on behalf of the Association regarding their neighborhood walk. She thanked STAC and shared the experience of her neighborhood walk and said this is how to get the word out and get people and neighborhoods to get involved with the Urban Forest Management Plan.

6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
A. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS
 1. Tim updated STAC Members of Commission actions: Commission concurred with STAC recommendations on all tree items.
 2. Tim updated STAC Members on enforcement cases, four new cases reported. One was a non-violation, another was referred to Community Development, and the other two were received yesterday.
 3. Duke McPherson brought up the Urban Forest Management Plan and asked STAC to help bring the plan to live. Member Des O'Neill asked what STAC can do. P&R Commission Liaison, Lesley Wiscomb replied that it's important we commit to it; and encourage City Council to adopt. All agreed that public outreach and education were necessary along with funding priorities. Tim Downey let STAC know that we are now expanding

Arbor Day to middle schools. He also let STAC know we have a list for public awareness such as Property Management companies.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

STREET TREES

None

SETBACK TREES

1. 1208 Quinientos St. – *Sequoia sempervirens*, Coastal Redwood – Lindsay Weinberg

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny removal of the tree and commented that pruning would help.

Member Des O’Neill moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend that the Commission deny removal of the tree, passed 5/0.

8. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN

None

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St. (west side) – species designation– Fred L. Sweeney

Recommendation to approve co-designation

The Committee recommends approving *Alectryon excelsus*, Titoki as a co-designation for the 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St (west side).

Member Des O’Neill moved, seconded by Bob Cunningham to recommend approval of *Alectryon excelsus* as a co-designation for the 2200-2400 blocks of Garden St., passed 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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