



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 2, 2015
Parks Lunch Room
402 E. Ortega Street
8:30 AM**

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:30 AM
2. ROLL CALL
Members present: Maury Treman, Bob Cunningham, and Duke McPherson
Parks and Recreation staff present: Tim Downey, Randy Fritz and Patty Herrera
Parks and Recreation Commission: Lesley Wiscomb
Members of the public: Jessica Kinnahan Foley, Jeff Makeska, Erick and Mary Couch, Rick Barron and Shirley Connolly
Members absent: Des O'Neill and Grant Castleberg
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Regular Meeting Minutes April 2, 2015

Member Treman moved, seconded by Member McPherson that the July 2, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes be approved, passed, 3/0.
5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
 - A. Take 136 San Rafael Ave. first, followed by 1387 Sycamore Canyon Rd. and 0 W. Los Olivos St. after Member and Staff Communication.
6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
 - A. Mr. Downey advised STAC of the Commission actions for the June meeting.
 - B. Mr. Downey gave an enforcement update.
 - C. Mr. Downey advised on 3740 Pescadero Dr. appeal, City Council upheld Parks and Recreation Commission's decision.
 - D. Mr. Downey informed on STAC vacancies coming up due to three STAC Members terms expiring in December 2015.
 - E. Mr. Downey informed STAC he attended a seminar and met a connection to find trees we don't have in Santa Barbara.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. TREE REMOVAL CONSIDERATIONS

STREET TREES
 1. 136 San Rafael Ave. – *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum – Nick and Tara Svensson

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined there is lack of evidence of damage.

Member Treman moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed 3/0.

SETBACK TREES

2. 224 W. Islay St. – *Araucaria bidwillii*, Bunya Pine – Sandy Combs

The Committee recommends that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee determined there was not sufficient evidence of damage and that removing the tree would be a significant loss to the neighborhood.

Member Cunningham moved, seconded by Member Treman to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed 3/0.

3. 1387 Sycamore Canyon Rd. – *Pinus canariensis*, Canary Island Pine – Jeff Mikeska and Erica Storm

The Committee 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 the installation of solar panels is a reasonable development of the property.

Member McPherson moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition the applicant obtains permits to install solar panels as proposed on the application, passed 3/0.

8. OLD BUSINESS
None

9. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN
 1. Lighthouse Way – designate a tree for a new street – Arcadia Studios

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

2. 0 Block of W. Los Olivos St. – add *Parkinsonia florida*, Palo Verde and *Prosopis chilensis*, Chilean Mesquite as designated trees – Erick and Mary Couch

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve co-designation of *Prosopis chilensis*, Chilean Mesquite and *Arbutus unedo*, Strawberry Tree.

Member Treman moved, seconded by Member Cunningham to recommend that the Commission approve co-designation of *Prosopis chilensis*, Chilean Mesquite and *Arbutus unedo*, Strawberry Tree as designated trees, passed 3/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent

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