



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

**Street Tree Advisory Committee  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, March 7, 2024  
8:30 AM**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER 8:35 AM
2. ROLL CALL  
Members present: Maury Treman, Duke McPherson, Bruce Reed, Santos Escobar, and Anthony DeMola.  
Parks and Recreation staff present: Nathan Slack, Brett Volpi, and Patricia Herrera.  
Parks and Recreation Liaison: Nichol Clark.  
Public Works: Brad Hess  
Members of the public: Anna Schmitz with RRM Design, Emma Brinkman, Mary Jane Headlee, Ken Davenport, and Anthony Dal Bello.
3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA
  1. Take 138 Santa Rosa Place first, followed by 412 Dibblee Avenue, and then in order of the agenda.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Regular Meeting February 1, 2024.

**Motion: Member DeMola moved, seconded by member Escobar, to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 1, 2024.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

6. MEMBER AND STAFF COMMUNICATION
  - A. Mr. Slack advised STAC of Parks and Recreation Commission actions.

**STREET TREES**

1. De La Guerra Plaza and front of City Hall – (49) Various trees – Brad Hess, Public Works Engineering

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission approve the proposed removals, on the conditions:

- Preserve and transplant tree #46, *Trachycarpus fortunei*, Windmill Palm, to an offsite location to be determined by the City Arborist.
- Modify the landscape plan to reflect the planting of two *Markhamia lutea*, Nile Tulip Trees, on the side of City Hall, in place of the three proposed West Redbuds.

**Motion: Member Reed moved, seconded by Member De Mola/McPherson to recommend that the Commission approve the proposed removals, on the conditions: Preserve and transplant tree #46 Trachycarpus fortunei, Windmill Palm, to an offsite location to be determined by the City Arborist, and to modify the landscape plan to reflect the planning of two Markhamia lutea, Nile Tulip Trees, on the side of City Hall, in place of the three proposed West Redbuds, passed.**

STAC commented that the Fan Palm proposed for moving is in decline and would necessitate removal instead of replacement, and they recommended no grade change instead they were in support of the applicant to modify the grade change in the courtyard in front of City Hall not to infringe on the tree's root zone. Last, the Committee commented that they would like to encourage the project to explore options for retention of the olive tree next to the adobe wall, as they considered it to be an exceptional specimen.

**SETBACK TREES**

1. 335 Rosario Drive – *Ulmus parvifolia*, Chinese Elm – Karen Christman, Arbor Services, Inc.

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

**Motion: Member DeMola moved, seconded by Member Escobar to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

2. 138 Sant Rosa Place – *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm – Mary Jane Headlee

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

**Motion: Member McPherson moved, seconded by Member DeMola to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

3. 412 Dibblee Avenue – *Araucaria heterophylla*, Norfolk Island Pine – Ken Davenport

The Committee recommends (5/0) that the Commission deny the removal.

**Motion: Member Treman moved, seconded by Member McPherson to recommend that the Commission deny the removal, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

7. STREET TREE MASTER PLAN  
None
9. OLD BUSINESS
10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee voted to nominate Bruce Reed to Chair and Santos Escobar to Vice Chair.

**Motion: Member McPherson moved, seconded by Member Treman to nominate Bruce Reed to Chair and Santos Escobar to Vice Chair, passed.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Slack, Urban Forest Superintendent

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