



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

**Parks Division
Integrated Pest Management
IPM ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, July 11, 2019
Parks Conference Room
402 E. Ortega St.
1:00 p.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chittick at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL:

Voting Members:

Present: Greg Chittick, Kristen LaBonte, Larry Saltzman

Staff Present: Matthew Parker, Ken Brown, Jeff McKee, Cenen Aparicio, Erin Markey, Rich Hanna, George Johnson, Nels Anderson, Jill Zachary, Terri Yamada

Also Present: Sarah Gorman, City Clerk Services Manager; Nichol Clark, Commission Liaison; Dale Shreve, Lenz Pest Control; Jesse Seguin, SB Golf Club

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded (LaBonte/Saltzman) to approve the minutes of March 20, 2019 with the addition of the statement "*and will be utilized within the scope of the IPM Advisory's Committee work*" to the end of item 4. The motion passed (3/0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City of Santa Barbara Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy – FOR INFORMATION

Committee received a report from Sarah Gorman, City Clerk Services Manager on the City's Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy.

2. Glyphosate Use – FOR DISCUSSION

Committee discussed public concerns, IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) findings, current use, alternatives related to Glyphosate, a Yellow material.

Greg noted that there are some Yellow materials that are actually more toxic than Glyphosate.

Matt shared a video on a "Foamstream" machine from the United Kingdom that is used to rid weeds, moss and algae. Pros: foam is biodegradable, can be used around playgrounds and populated areas. Cons: takes eight times longer than spraying herbicides, cost, labor, timing required (must spray at specific time – while weeds are still young) and the Capital investment for the Foamstream system is approximately \$40,000.

3. Review proposed changes to the IPM Strategy and PHAER Zone Model – FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

To address the concerns, staff is proposing to reduce Yellow chemical use, and when Yellow materials are necessary, staff would still be required to request an exemption from the IPM Advisory Committee, even in areas where Yellow materials are allowed per the PHAER Zone.

Fifteen (15) City park and parking lot sites considered to be changed from Mixed Use (Green and Yellow) to all Green Zones include:

- Cabrillo Ball Park
- Dwight Murphy Ball Field
- Franceschi Park
- Hidden Valley Park
- MacKenzie Park
- Orpet Park
- Pershing Park
- San Roque Park
- Sylvan Park
- Chase Palm Parking Lot
- East Beach Parking Lots
- Garden Street Waterfront Lot
- Harbor Parking Lots
- Leadbetter Lot

Only the A.C. Postel Memorial Rose Garden in Mission Historical Park is proposed to remain as-is (Mixed Use) due to the need to maintain the roses. Neem oil is organic but is classified as a Yellow material.

The Committee and staff discussed the need for some Yellow or Red materials when a pest outbreak could pose a health threat to the public or employees and/or to protect valuable historic resources. Some Yellow and Red materials are used at the Airport and at the golf course. In these locations, designations would remain the same and staff would provide an annual programmatic plan to the IPM Advisory Committee in advance.

Motion made and seconded (Chittick/Saltzman) to approve the staff recommendation to change 15 City parks/parking lots (currently designated Mixed Use or Yellow) to all Green, and to keep 1 site, and the A.C. Postel Rose Garden as-is. The motion passed (3/0).

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Review Approved Materials List – For Action

Committee reviewed the Materials List. A motion was made and seconded (Chittick/LaBonte) to approve the materials list. It was noted that when reviewing chemicals, the Committee looks at the “Active Ingredient” and runs the product through the Material Selection Criteria table. The motion passed (3/0).

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.