



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** June 27, 2007

**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission deny the following Street Tree and Setback Tree removal requests.

#### A. STREET TREES

1. 519 San Onofre Rd. – David Morse – *Quercus virginiana*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that the tree was healthy, and had a beautiful canopy. The Committee did not feel that this tree represented a significant visual impediment to vehicles exiting the driveway and that the extent of hardscape damage to the driveway did not warrant removal of the tree. Staff performed an inspection of the garage and found that cracks in the concrete slab were not related to tree roots. The Committee and staff recommend that this tree be pruned along with other oak trees on San Onofre. Forestry staff will return after the canopy pruning to perform root pruning on the driveway side of the tree to reduce the likelihood tree roots moving the driveway apron.

#### B. SETBACK TREES

2. 3710 State St. – Fred Fourouzandeh – *Washingtonia robusta*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that the palm tree is healthy and that it is a significant skyline tree that should be preserved. Litter from tree is not a valid justification for its removal. The Committee recommends that the palm be pruned by the applicant to remove dry fronds if falling debris continues to be a concern.

**DISCUSSION:** See above

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 519 San Onofre Rd.  
Memorandum: Denial removal request at 519 San Onofre Rd.
2. 3710 State St.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Randy Fritz, Street Tree Supervisor

**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks & Recreation Director