



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2007
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Street Tree Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission:

A. Approve the following Street Tree removal requests.

STREET TREES

1. 2915 Paseo Tranquillo – Hugh Margerum – *Acacia melanoxylon*

Justification: The Committee and staff approve removal at the owner's expense based on the condition that the owner replace with a Tulip tree at a location approved by the Parks Division.

2. 1604 Loma St. – Leslie Becker – *Ceratonia siliqua*

Justification: The Committee and staff approve removal with condition that owner plant five (15) gallon *Quercus tomentella* in the parkway on the side of the property at locations approved by the Parks Division.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

STREET TREES

1. 729 Fellowship Rd. – Sanford Shertzer – *Ficus 'nitida'*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that based on the application's reason for removal the request/reason does not meet the criteria for removal. Sewer lines repair is not a valid justification for its removal. The Committee decided to wait for Public Works to repair the sidewalk and have the tree roots inspected during repair before making any decision.

2. 400 Block W. Junipero St. – Bob Cunningham – *Washingtonia* sp.

Justification: The Committee and staff deny removal based on the determination that the tree is not destabilized and decided to permit property owner to prune the tree and ivy at their expense.

3. 715 W. Islay St. – Bruno & Salvini – Jacaranda mimosafolia

Justification: The Committee and staff deny removal and insist the tree simply needs water. Sewer lines repair is not a valid justification for its removal.

DISCUSSION: See above

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 2915 Paseo Tranquillo
 2. 1604 Loma St.
 3. 729 Fellowship Rd.
 4. 400 Block W. Junipero St.
 5. 715 W. Islay St.

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