



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department
Memorandum

DATE: July 9, 2007
TO: Park and Recreation Commission
FROM: IPM Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: **Annual Advisory Committee Reports For Fiscal Year 2007**

Committee Members

Voting Members:

Eric Cardenas (term expires 12/31/08)
Oscar Carmona (term expires 12/31/07)
Greg Chittick (term expires 12/31/07)
Brenton Kelly (term expires 12/31/07)
Kristen LaBonte (12/31/09)

Park and Recreation Commission Liaison (Non-Voting):

Daraka Larimore-Hall

Appointment Process and Meeting Schedule

On July 26, 2006, Kristen LaBonte was appointed as a Community-At-Large representative.

Eric Cardenas continued in his role as Chair and Greg Chittick as Vice-Chair

Meetings are held quarterly, with special meetings called as necessary. The Committee met bi-monthly

The Committee held four regular meetings, three special meetings between July 2006 and June 2007.

Member Representation

1 - Pesticide Awareness and Alternatives Coalition (PAAC): Brenton Kelly
3 - Community At-Large – Oscar Carmona, Greg Chittick
1 – Environmental Defense Center – Eric Cardenas

Committee Projects/Activities

- ❖ Advisory Committee assistance (monitoring and counting) with squirrel overpopulation problem at Shoreline Park.
- ❖ Toured Alice Keck Park Memorial Gardens, Franceschi Park, Honda Valley, Douglas Family Preserve, Arroyo Burro Estuary.
- ❖ Met with consultant to brainstorm ideas for saving the failing Moreton Bay Fig Tree.
- ❖ Attended Mayor's presentation on City's Sustainability.
- ❖ Working with County representatives regarding pesticide use in County Space.

Recommendations/Concerns

- ❖ Recommended approval of IPM 2006 Annual Report to Council.
- ❖ Recommend increased communication between the Creeks Advisory Committee and the IPM Advisory Committee.
- ❖ Recommend establishment and adoption of pesticide use protocols for Creeks/restoration projects.
- ❖ Recommend increased efforts placed on volunteer coordination and implementation ensuring volunteers can sign up easily (via email online) and can be coordinated by staff.
- ❖ Recommend increased communication regarding the Moreton Bay Fig Tree with additional outside consultants/arborists, including those with experience in sustainable landscape options.
- ❖ Recommend research into emerging alternatives, and pilot projects for alternative materials.