



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** August 15, 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. 2432 Calle Andalucia - Paul & Jackie Miller - *Bauhinia variegata*

Justification: Tree removal was approved by staff and Committee because the tree is in poor health and in its current condition is not an asset to the neighborhood. The Committee recommended that the tree be removed by the city and replaced with a (15) gallon *Arbutus 'Marina'* tree.

2. 2433 Calle Andalucia - Ruth Malengo - *Bauhinia variegata*

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B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

#### STREET TREES

1. 3331 Madrona Dr. - Richard Sesma - *Harpephyllum caffrum*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that damage to the sidewalk was not a valid reason for removing this tree. Staff will contact Public Works to ensure that the appropriate actions are taken to repair the sidewalk damage at this location.

2. 602 Grove Ln. - Diane Kemp - *Fraxinus velutina*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that this tree is a significant resource to the neighborhood and that measures can be taken to preserve the tree while protecting surrounding assets from future damage caused by roots. Staff

recommends that a root barrier be placed in strategic locations adjacent to new hardscape to deter invasive root activity. The sidewalk was replaced in January 2006, which required the removal of several large surface roots to bring the sidewalk back to grade. The removal of these roots significantly reduces the likelihood of further root damage occurring in the near future.

3. 1804 Mountain Ave. - Brian Logan - *Brachychiton populneus*

Justification: The recommendation from the Committee was to deny the removal of the tree at this time. The Committee would like to have staff work with the applicant to make a removal determination when the driveway concrete has been lifted in order to determine the volume and size of the roots that are allegedly causing concrete damage. The Committee recognized the possibility that the tree may ultimately need to be removed, however they recommended that the applicant perform the concrete repairs and if it's determined that the tree cannot remain due to excessive root loss, then a permit for tree removal could be issued.

4. 262 San Rafael Ave. - Miriam Cranney – *Eucalyptus polyanthemus*

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that sidewalk lifting and root intrusion into sewer lines did not represent sufficient reasons for tree removal. The Committee felt that the tree was healthy and that it represented a significant landscape feature to the neighborhood. Staff will notify Public Works that there is a rise in the sidewalk that should be padded to reduce differential in the sidewalk levels.

**DISCUSSION:** See above

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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3. 3331 Madrona Ave.
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