



City of Santa Barbara
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Special Meeting
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The Park and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Conner at 12:01 p.m. at 620 Laguna Street.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present

Ada Conner	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Beebe Longstreet	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Arnoldo Gonzalez	Park & Recreation Commissioner

Commissioners Absent

Steve Forsell	Park & Recreation Commissioner
Daraka Larimore-Hall	Park & Recreation Commissioner

Staff Present

Nancy L. Rapp	Parks & Recreation Director
Santos Escobar	Parks Manager
Tim Downey	Street Tree Superintendent
Randy Fritz	Street Tree Supervisor
Terri Yamada	Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one wished to speak

1. 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

Jackie Miller requested that the replacement tree be a decorative pear tree (with no berries), rather than the tree designated for this site (Arbutus 'Marina' tree). Mr. Downey responded that the pear tree develops berries when it matures. He further stated that the Arbutus 'Marina' is the tree selected by the Street Tree Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnoldo Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the request of Paul & Jackie Miller to remove the Bauhinia variegata tree located at 2432 Calle Andalucia.

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

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnoldo Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to approve the request of Ruth Malengo to remove the Bauhinia variegata located at 2433 Calle Andalucia.

- B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

STREET TREES

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

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnoldo Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the request of Richard Sesma to remove the Harpephyllum caffrum tree located at 3331 Madrona Dr.

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

Diane Kemp requested that this tree be removed. She felt that it was a large tree that overgrown the site, caused replacement of the sewer line, and drops a messy sap. She requested a replacement tree without such a massive root system.

Mr. Downey stated the Advisory Committee felt that this tree was a significant specimen tree for the neighborhood, and that there are measures which can prevent the roots from spreading. A root barrier can be placed where you want the roots to stop entering, i.e. before the hardscape begins and before the garage. This action should inhibit growth of the roots.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnoldo Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the request of Diane Kemp to remove the Fraxinus velutina tree located at 602 Grove Lane.

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

Austin Herlihy addressed the Commission and stated that he recently purchased the property and his request for insurance was denied due to the driveway being uneven and heaving causing a trip and fall hazard. He asked why the Advisory Committee and staff had denied his request to have the tree removed.

Mr. Downey stated that the Street Tree Advisory Committee felt that removing the tree would not solve the trip issues. This particular issue can be commonly dealt with by root pruning. The City would issue a permit to have this type of work completed. He added that staff should be present when this work is done to determine whether the tree is stable.

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnoldo Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the request of Brian Logan/Austin Herlihy to remove the *Brachychiton populneus* tree located at 1804 Mountain Avenue, and request the homeowner to inform staff of the time of driveway repair and root pruning so that staff may be present.

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

Commissioner Beebe Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnoldo Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the Commission concur with the Street Tree Advisory Committee and staff recommendation to deny the request of Miriam Cranney to remove the *Eucalyptus polyanthemos* tree located at 262 San Rafael Ave.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 p.m., with no further business to come before the Commission,

Commissioner Longstreet moved, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, and passed 3/0 that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Rapp
Parks and Recreation Director