



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 26, 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 Setback Tree removal request.

SETBACK TREE

1. 612 W. Mission St. – City Parks Division – Grevillia robusta

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that due to the sidewalk/bike path proposed to be improved, the location of the tree would contribute to the problem of a pinch point created by the narrowing of the sidewalk/bike path. In addition, the amount of tree roots needed to be cut for the sidewalk/bike path replacement would lend the tree unstable. The tree has little value to the community due to frequent topping by Edison.

- B. Deny the following Street Trees removal requests.

STREET TREES

1. 3045 Samarkand Dr. – Kenneth Preston – 3 Eucalyptus behind his property and requesting permission to trim the remainder.

Justification: The Committee and staff determined that the trees provided a significant benefit to the community as well as providing a screen from Las Positas Rd.

- C. Postpone a decision until more information is provided.

1. West Beach Pedestrian Project – Jeannette Candau, City of SB - Various

Justification: The Committee and staff reviewed the request and determined that there are 4 separate locations to consider. Staff recommends a decision be postponed for the entire project until more information is available. The Committee made recommendations for parts of the project. The locations and recommendations are:

- Chapala St. crossing – The Committee recommends that the removal be denied, 2 taller palms be relocated near their current location, and the third preserved to be relocated to a location to be determined at a later date. In addition, any dedication plaque will be moved along with the trees.
- Ambassador Park crossing – The Committee recommends that the removal be denied, the tree preserved, and moved to a location to be determined at a later date. In addition, any dedication plaques will be moved along with the tree.
- Myoporums at end of Harbor Parking Lot – The Committee and staff requested to see the improvement plans before making a decision. In addition, it appears two trees will be in this construction area and are not mentioned in the report. The Committee and staff want to see a *Melaleuca nesophila* and *Phoenix canariensis* preserved and protected.
- Los Baños Plaza – The Committee and staff requested to see improvement plans for this area before making a decision. It is not clear at this time whether the removal of these trees will improve the area.

DISCUSSION: See above

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 612 W. Mission St.
2. 3045 Samarkand Dr.
3. West Beach Pedestrian Project

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