



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 20, 2008
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 request.

1. 1301 Carpinteria St. – John Kingsbury – (2) *Brachychiton populneus*, Bottle Tree

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removals on the condition two replacement trees be planted. The Committee and staff determined there were sound arboricultural reasons to remove these trees. The trees have not been fulfilling their jobs as trees, have no canopies, and look like they may not recover. In addition, one of the trees is too close to the water meter.

2. 102 N. Hope Ave. on San Remo Dr. – Tim Downey and Southern California Edison – (5) *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removals. The Committee and staff determined there were sound arboricultural reasons to remove these trees. The trees have been repeatedly topped by the utility company. The Committee and Staff recommend the trees be replaced with the species requested in item D 1 of this report.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 40 S. Ontare Rd. – Jayne Rosenblatt – (1) *Pinus halepensis*, Aleppo Pine, (1) *Olea europaea*, Olive

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removals. The Committee and staff determined the trees are healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal.

2. 209 E. Cota St. – Tim and Blanca Waaler – *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal. The Committee and staff recommend hosing off the tree to help improve the sticky situation.

3. 232 Cottage Grove Ave. – R.J. Spann – *Pittosporum rhombifolium*, Queensland *Pittosporum*

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal. The Committee and staff recommend hosing off the tree to help improve the sticky situation.

4. 418 Bath St. – Antonio Torres – *Pittosporum rhombifolium*, Queensland *Pittosporum*

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal. The Committee and staff recommend hosing off the tree to help improve the sticky situation.

5. 826 E. Yanonali St. – Efren Jimenez – *Pittosporum rhombifolium*, Queensland *Pittosporum*

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal. The Committee and staff recommend hosing off the tree to help improve the sticky situation.

6. 144 San Rafael Ave. – Tom Storm – *Eucalyptus polyanthemos*, Silver Dollar Gum

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal.

C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 2130 or 2132 Mission Ridge – Teri and Eric Gabrielsen – *Eucalyptus globules*, Blue Gum

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal.

D. Consider the following changes to the Master Plan.

1. Species change – 3700 Block San Remo Dr.

Change from *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, Jacaranda to (2) species 1. *Arbutus 'Marina'*, Marina Strawberry Tree and 2. *Prunus cerasifera*, Krauter Vesuvius, Krauter Vesuvius Purple Plum an alternate. The Committee and staff determined these trees would fit into the neighborhood and could be maintained under the utility lines.

2. Species change – 100 Block W. Gutierrez St.

Change from *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box to *Arbutus 'Marina'*, Marina Strawberry Tree. The Committee and staff determined that due to the proximity to the creek, the *Pittosporum undulatum* is invasive. They determined the Marina Strawberry Tree would be appropriate for the neighborhood.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
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 10. 3700 Block San Remo Dr.
 11. 100 Block W. Gutierrez St.

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