



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 28, 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. 116 E. Yanonali St. – Rob Maday – (3) *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palms, and (1) *Eucalyptus ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum

Justification: The applicants expressed reasons for removal were for primarily aesthetics. When we received the application the reasons were construction and utility conflicts. The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal of (3) *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palms, and (1) *Eucalyptus ficifolia*, Red Flowering Gum. The Committee and staff determined these removals are consistent with good arboricultural practices. The Committee would like to see the smallest (2) *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palms boxed up and donated to the Parks Division for planting in the City right-of-way at another location to be determined by the Parks Division. The Committee and staff determined there was plenty of room for planting in the area and decided to approve removals on the condition they replace with (3) additional *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Trees as replacements. The Committee determined the trees proposed for replacement by the applicant (*Chorisia speciosa*, Silk-Floss Tree) would be too close to the building and could not develop fully.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal requests.

1. 116 E. Yanonali St. – Rob Maday – (1) *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Tree

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny removal of (1) *Stenocarpus sinuatus*, Firewheel Tree. The Committee and staff determined this tree was a healthy specimen and decided the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify removal.

2. 760 Calabria Dr. – John Leonard – *Schinus terebinthifolius*, Brazilian Pepper

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

3. 510 and 516 Alan Rd. – Gary Shumaker – (2) *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum

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

- C. Approve the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 149 Loma Media Rd. – Raymond Jewell – *Pinus radiata*, Monterey Pine

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal. The Committee and staff determined the location of the tree is too small for the eventual size of the tree and damage by the tree roots would only get worse. The Committee recommends the tree be replaced by a tree that is more size appropriate for the site.

- D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 1547 Shoreline Dr. – Ronnie Gosnell – *Podocarpus gracilior*, Fern Pine

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

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 116 E. Yanonali St. 1A and 1B
 2. 760 Calabria Dr.
 3. 510 and 516 Alan Rd.
 4. 149 Loma Media Rd.
 5. 1547 Shoreline Dr.

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