



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 26, 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 requests.

1. 300 block of W. Ortega St. – Jim Colton, PW Engineering – (2) Red Flowering Gum and (1) Myoporum

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve (1) Myoporum and (2) Red Flowering Gum trees. These trees would be removed and replaced as part of the project. The Committee would like to protect in place the Brisbane Box tree; with staff to make a determination about protecting the tree in place or removal during construction. The Committee asks the applicant to provide a tree protection plan to staff prior to construction. The designated replacement tree for the 300 block of W. Ortega is Red Flowering Gum. Replacement trees would equal the amount removed.

2. Haley and De La Vina – Jim Colton, PW Engineering – (1) Red Flowering Gum and (1) Weeping Fig

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee and staff identified several locations on De La Vina and Haley for the appropriate street trees. The Committee suggests planting 2 Coast Live Oaks on De La Vina near the creek. The remaining available spaces on De La Vina will be Fern Pine. Haley Street spaces will be Brisbane Box trees. These trees would be replaced by three trees on each street.

B. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 1930 Emerson Ave. – Jonathan V. Leech – Silver Dollar

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal of the tree closest to the home and deny the removal of the tree closest to the street. Rather than remove the tree, the Committee recommends the

applicant be advised the tree closest to the street is in need of safety pruning. The Committee and staff felt due to recent damage to the tree closest to the home, its condition warrants removal. The tree closest to the street does not have damage and can be maintained in a safe manner.

2. 3837 Mariana Way – Cathy Callaway, Mariana HOA – California Sycamore

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal on the condition they be replaced with like species. Staff felt the trees could not be restored to their natural shape.

- C. Deny the following Setback Tree removal request.

1. 405 N. La Cumbre Rd. – Bella Rienstra – Mexican Fan Palm

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny removal. The Committee and staff felt the tree is a significant skyline tree, and that the reason for removal can be mitigated through maintenance. Therefore the Committee and staff felt the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify the removal.

2. 1280 Kenwood Rd. – Steve Sparkland – Mexican Fan Palm

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny removal. The Committee and staff felt the tree is a significant skyline tree, and that the reason for removal can be mitigated through maintenance. Therefore the Committee and staff felt the reasons for removal are not valid and do not justify the removal.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 300 block of W. Ortega St.
 2. Haley and De La Vina
 3. 1930 Emerson Ave.
 4. 3837 Mariana Way
 5. 405 N. La Cumbre Rd.
 6. 1280 Kenwood Rd.

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