



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 24, 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. 14 E. Valerio St. – Bruce Berckman, Sierra Property Management –
Pittosporum undulatum, Victorian Box

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal on the condition the applicant replace with a designated species. The Committee and staff determined there were sound arboricultural reasons to remove this tree. The tree is dying and has not been fulfilling its job as a tree, has little canopy, and looks like it may not recover.

2. 102 N. Hope Ave. on San Remo Dr. – Tim Downey and Southern CA 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 either of the species requested under item E. 3. of this staff report.

B. Deny the following Street Tree removal request.

1. 1331 Mountain Ave. – Thomas H. Kronen – *Liquidambar styraciflua*,
American Sweetgum.

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. Approve the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 509 W. Los Olivos St. – Lisa Plowman, Agent for Westmont College –
Persea Americana, Avocado

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve removal on the condition the applicant replace with a new tree in the setback that will become the size and height of the potential for the Avocado tree.

2. 1226 San Pascual St. – Nicholas Alexander Gosnell – (3) *Fraxinus uhdei*, Shamel Ash

Justification: The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removals. The Committee and staff approve the removals with the condition the owner replace with 3 minimum 24" box *Platanus racemosa*, California Sycamore.

D. Deny the following Setback Tree removal requests.

1. 337 Vista Pacifica – Karin Jacobsen, Vista Pacifica HOA, Eric Halvorson, Action Tree – *Eucalyptus globulus*, 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.

2. 1415 W. Valerio St. – Martin Thruston – *Cedrus deodara*, Deodar Cedar

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.

E. Consider the following changes to the Master Plan.

1. Species change – Willowglen Place

Change from *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum to *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache. The Committee and staff determined the Chinese Pistache would be appropriate for the neighborhood.

2. Species change – 800 Block W. Voluntario St.

Change from *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum to *Pistacia chinensis*, Chinese Pistache. The Committee and staff determined the Chinese Pistache would be appropriate for the neighborhood.

3. Species change – San Remo Dr.

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

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 14 E. Valerio St.
 2. 102 Hope Ave. on San Remo Dr.
 3. 1331 Mountain Ave.
 4. 509 W. Los Olivos St.
 5. 1226 San Pascual St.
 6. 337 Vista Pacifica
 7. 1415 W. Valerio St.
 8. Willowglen Place
 9. 800 block N. Voluntario St.
 10. San Remo Dr.

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