



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 18, 2009

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. 922 State St. – Ronald Hays – *Cercis occidentalis*, Western Redbud

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the applicant replace with a minimum 15 gal., single trunk *Cercis occidentalis*, Western Redbud tree.

2. 421 N. Milpas St. – Darrell Becker – (1) *Juniperus chinensis* 'Torulosa', Hollywood Juniper, (1) *Thuja orientalis*, Oriental Arborvitae

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the maximum available parkway be opened up, one street tree be planted adjacent to the property, and another tree be planted elsewhere in the 800 block of Reddick St.

B. Deny the Street Tree removal request at 803 N. Milpas St. – Jarrett Gorin/Vanguard Planning LLC – (1) *Podocarpus gracilior*, Fern Pine, (1) *Ficus microcarpa* 'Nitida', Indian Laurel Fig

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined that the trees are healthy and 6 ft. of sidewalk will remain accessible.

C. Approve the relocation of the front yard setback tree at 3714 State St. – Michelle Velarde/Kellogg Associates, LLC – (2) *Syagrus romanzoffianum*, Queen Palms, (1) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palm, (3) *Phoenix roebelenii*, Pygmy Date Palms

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve relocation of the palms on the condition that they not be planted under the canopies of the 3 Jacaranda trees.

The Committee commented that they recommend the applicant consider a building design change that will have less impact on the remaining Jacaranda tree canopies.

D. Approve the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests:

1. SW corner of Foothill and Cieneguitas – Bob Cunningham/Arcadia Studios, Inc.
– (11) *various species*

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal of the trees listed on the application on the condition that the applicant attempts to find offsite locations for (1) *Phoenix canariensis*, Canary Island Palm and (2) *Washingtonia robusta*, Mexican Fan Palms.

2. 906 Nopal St. – Janet Reineck – *Liquidambar styraciflua*, American Sweetgum

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the applicant plant an approved street tree at their expense.

3. 625 Calle Palo Colorado – Jamie D. Deardorff – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission approve the removal on the condition that the applicant replace it with a smaller canopy tree with potential to reach 25 ft. in height and spread.

E. Deny the Front Yard Setback Tree removal request at 321 E. Islay St. – Caroline Mairani – *Pinus pinea*, Italian Stone Pine

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the removal. The Committee and staff determined the tree is healthy and that the reasons provided by the applicant are not sufficient to justify removal.

F. Postpone final action on the following Front Yard Setback Tree removal requests:

1. 412 Calle Alamo – Edward Hawkes and John Hawkes – *Tipuana tipu*, Tipu

The Committee and staff recommend postponing final action on the request until the applicant can provide proof of damage to the foundation.

2. 163 La Jolla Dr. – Peter Becker/Architect – *Pittosporum undulatum*, Victorian Box

The Committee and staff recommend postponing request until applicant provides a landscape plan.

- G. Deny the Street Tree Master Plan Species Designation Change on Reddick St. – Derrick Eichelberger – currently *Lophostemon (Tristania) confertus*, Brisbane Box

The Committee and staff recommend that the Commission deny the change. The Committee and staff could not determine a need to change the designation.

- ATTACHMENTS:**
1. 922 State St.
 2. 421 N. Milpas St.
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 11. Reddick St.

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